

DICTATORS JAILED

ATHENS (UPI) — A special appeals court today sentenced former dictators George Papadopoulos and Dimitrios Ioannides to 25 years and life imprisonment respectively for the bloody suppression of a student revolt in 1973.

The court convicted the two former leaders of moral complicity in wilful manslaughter.

The court also convicted 18 others officials of the former dictatorship, and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from life to five months.

The five-member court acquitted 12 defendants.

Ottawa ICBC Pledge

The federal government has made assurances that any increase in Insurance Corp. of B.C. premium rates will not meet any resistance from the Anti-Inflation Review Board, Senator Ray Perrault said today.

The Liberal senator said, following a 30-minute meeting with Premier Bennett that the assurance had been made to him before he left Ottawa by finance minister Donald MacDonald.

Pat McGeer, minister responsible for ICBC in the Socred cabinet said on the weekend that there would be at least a 25 per cent jump in premiums.

"I was assured the apparent problem facing ICBC and the rate schedule prevailing at this time would not be a cause for concern," Perrault said.

"There is no intention on the part of the board to impose a harsh Draconian eight or 10 per cent upper limit."

"There is nothing in the program that insists or compels an organization to accept losses as reported to be existing in ICBC."

Perrault also said he hoped a meeting between Premier Bennett and Prime Minister Trudeau could be arranged in the near future although he indicated it likely would not happen during the Prime Minister's current five-day visit to the province.

On other topics, Perrault said he will recommend to the federal cabinet that B.C. resource industries get a break with respect to the anti-inflationary program.

Some aspects of the inflationary program were creating difficulties with some B.C. resource industries, such as pulp and paper, he said.

The guideline which limits export profits to 95 per cent based on a past five-year average, was too tough, he added.

"It may be unfair to restrict these industries' ability to earn export profits as limited by the anti-inflationary section," he said.

Perrault said he discussed the details of the federal anti-inflationary program with Bennett, and was encouraged by the response he received.

"It is a time not for government confrontation, but government co-operation," he said.

He said he was satisfied to see a good deal of co-operation expressed by the B.C. government to make sure the anti-inflationary program would work.

He praised Bennett's creation of a separate department of inter-governmental affairs and applauded the choice of Dan Campbell to head it.

Sniper Wasn't Chicken

QUEBEC (CP) — City police are holding a man who allegedly shot out the plate-glass window of a restaurant where he was served a brown-meat chicken sandwich instead of the white meat he had ordered.

No one was injured in the weekend incident.

Police said the man stormed out of the restaurant after he was served the wrong sandwich, despite a promise by a waitress that he would be given another.

He returned a few minutes later with a rifle of unknown calibre and shot out the windows.

Police reported no difficulty in apprehending the man.



Interior of luggage area following killer blast

\$50,000 Reward Offered For U.S. Airport Bombers

Times News Service
Airlines in the United States offered a \$50,000 reward today for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for Monday night's explosion at New York's La Guardia Airport in which at least 11 people were killed and 75 injured.

The bomb packing the power of 20 to 25 sticks of dynamite exploded in a TWA baggage area at the airport. It had been placed in a coin-operated locker near the area where passengers collect baggage.

Flying glass and steel ripped like shrapnel into scores of holiday travellers and airport workers.

One UPI reporter who was

waiting for a flight said she saw a "human head — just a head — on a window ledge."

Arms, legs, feet and hands of victims were blown throughout the terminal.

Two people were seen running from the scene shortly before the explosion, according to New York City police chief Thomas Mitchell. He declined to elaborate or describe the two.

The toll would have been higher if the bomb had gone off moments earlier when 147 passengers aboard two TWA flights landed and picked up their luggage from the blast area.

The airport was emptied and closed to all traffic shortly after the 6:33 p.m. (EST)

explosion, forcing the cancellation or diversion of at least 45 flights and fouling the plans of about 5,000 travellers.

The airport will be closed until at least 10 p.m. today.

No call or advance warning preceded the blast, but in the hours that followed, police and news organizations received a number of calls from persons claiming different groups were responsible.

These range from the Palestine Liberation Organization to Puerto Rican terrorists and a Mafia gang.

From Beirut, PLO spokesmen denied responsibility for what they termed a "dastardly act against innocent people."

In the wake of the blast,

bomb threats disrupted air traffic at at least seven other airports in the United States.

Kansas police said a caller "who sounded like a 14-year-old boy" telephoned the communications unit at police headquarters Monday night and announced that a bomb was set to go off at Kansas International Airport near the TWA operations.

The building was not emptied because police believed the call to be a hoax.

A scare, however, closed Washington National Airport for more than an hour after an anonymous threat was made.

Passengers on a TWA flight bound for Paris from New

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Man Shot by Policeman 'At Least 50% to Blame'

VANCOUVER (CP) — A city policeman and a driver who was shot May 11 1972 after a high-speed chase were ruled equally to blame Monday in British Columbia Supreme Court for the serious jaw damage a police bullet did to the speeder.

Harmen Verbrugge was awarded damages of \$36,750 by Mr. Justice J. G. Rutan against Constable Stanley Bush but the Supreme Court judge ruled that Verbrugge was 50 per cent to blame for what happened to him. He will receive \$18,375.

The court was told that Verbrugge, a racing driver, believed he was about to be stopped for suspected speeding and decided to flee because he had marks against his licence and felt he might lose his car at a time when he was about to be married.

The chase ended when Verbrugge voluntarily pulled over to the curb with police cars immediately behind him.

The driver was shot when Const. Bush went up to his car. The man's jaw and teeth were shattered.

Verbrugge said he was shot after he obeyed a command to stay where he was in the car and place his hands on the dashboard.

Const. Bush, who had reached the driver's door, said the shot was fired accidentally when Verbrugge suddenly tried to leave the car and collided with his drawn service revolver.

"I am satisfied this collision could and did cause the accident, the discharge of the pistol and the path of the bullet," said Mr. Justice Rutan.

He found that the officer was negligent in not being in complete control of his potentially dangerous service revolver.

He held that Const. Bush had no intention of firing but that the gun fired as a result of a jarring impact with Verbrugge.

He held also that it was unnecessary for the circumstances for the officer to have his finger on the trigger and unnecessary for him to run up

to the stopped car rather than approach "slowly, cautiously and always on the alert."

He said Verbrugge "certainly caused this whole chain of events to be set in operation."

"His senseless and reckless driving resulted in the chase," the judge said. "After he stopped he knew there were at least two cars there (police cars) and knew, or should have anticipated, that

an officer would be coming up on him from the rear where the police car was to be seen. The plaintiff's sudden movement out of the car was foolish and unexpected. Therefore I find that he too was negligent and contributed to his own injury."

Mr. Justice Rutan said that Verbrugge was not lying but held that the man's recollection of what happened in the mishap was faulty.

Continued Freeze On Food?

Consumer services minister Rafe Mair said Monday he will recommend to today's provincial cabinet meeting that the Social Credit government continue the freeze on food prices until mid-February.

The freeze was originally started in October by the New Democratic Party administration which promised during the Dec. 11 election campaign to continue it, along with freezes on other essential goods and services, to Feb. 15.

The original NDP freeze expires at midnight tonight.

Mair said that he expects federal anti-inflation controls to be effective by mid-February.

The minister said the food freeze recommendation will be the same as the NDP plan except that fruit and vegetables will be exempt.

Mair also said that only those credit card users who normally pay their monthly bills in full will be entitled to any rebate of interest charged because of the postal dispute.

"People who usually keep a running balance and normally pay only the required minimum monthly payment have no right to demand a full refund of all interest and should not expect it," he said.

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WEATHER

Tonight: Cold, Wednesday: Sunny

Bunkhouse Hassle Yields \$513 Payoff

Canadian Press
Men's bunkhouses shouldn't be shared with women, the B.C. Human Rights Commission ruled in a judgment released Monday.

In what is believed to be the first decision of its kind in Canada, the commission ordered Lornex Mining Corp. Ltd. to pay \$513 to laboratory technician Jean Tharp for expenses incurred by travel-

ling more than 40 road miles from the mine site near Ashcroft to Kamloops to use washroom facilities.

The commission ruled that Miss Tharp suffered aggravated damages because she preferred not to share the facilities at the camp with men and the company did not provide separate facilities for women.

The accommodation provided by the mining company consisted of 14 identical pre-

fabricated bunkhouses, each with 10 double rooms that had common washing and toilet facilities.

"The nature of the facilities clearly suggests that they were designed for use by one sex only, and that sex was male," the judgment said.

Kathleen Ruff, B.C. human rights director, said that Miss Tharp, who moved into the bunkhouse Sept. 17, 1974, complained to the commission and it was found that lodging

women in the same bunkhouse as men was illegal under the health act.

Ruff said that health inspectors ordered Lornex to divide the bunkhouse into separate areas—one for men, the other for women.

Tharp, however, decided to pursue her argument that the company had caused damage to her self-respect, said Ruff, and the commission interpreted the Human Rights Code as saying that a company which

chooses to provide accommodation for men also must provide similar facilities for women.

The commission ruled that Lornex had contravened the code and "committed the contravention with a wanton disregard."

Lornex was ordered to pay the damages and "refrain from committing the same or a similar contravention."

Company officials were unavailable for comment.

Price Change Notice Order

OTTAWA (CP) — Major oil companies must give 30 days notice before raising prices for petroleum or petrochemical products, the anti-inflation board said Monday.

Board vice-chairman Beryl Plumptre said in a statement that prices would be monitored jointly by her board and the government's energy supplies allocation board.

Notice of oil price changes, which Plumptre said is more stringent than for other corporations, would have to be given to both boards.

The anti-inflation board requires notification from other large corporations of any increases resulting in a rise of two per cent or more in gross revenue from any production line. The oil companies must provide notification of any increase.

In a letter to 19 major oil companies, Plumptre said increases will be limited to recovering higher costs incurred.

However, the government guides released in October exempt from controls the cost of crude oil, now negotiated annually by Ottawa and the provinces. The next increase will come July 1.

Any increase in crude prices will be passed to consumers, roughly four cents a gallon on gasoline and heating fuel for each \$1 a barrel crude-price increase.

The energy supplies allocation board will continue to monitor prices and profits in the refining and distribution of petroleum and petrochemical products, part of its role in overseeing the federal oil import compensation program.

The anti-inflation board will monitor other industry activities, including retail sales and petrochemical operations.

The board said in its statement that wholesale petroleum prices have been "voluntarily restrained" since September, 1973, with industry only raising prices by levels accepted by the federal government.

However, it also added that compliance with the program has been a pre-requisite for government oil companies under the import compensation program.

The anti-inflation board will consider one of its first major price cases Jan. 6 when it looks at increased insurance rates and it is expected to come up with a precedent-setting decision for the insurance industry.

The board refused to name the insurance company, but board officials say it is a major auto insurer.

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WOMEN CHARGED IN KILLING

KELOWNA (CP) — RCMP said five women have been arrested and are being held in the stabbing death here of a middle-aged man early today.

Four women were arrested at a motor hotel in Salmon Arm, about 75 miles north, after RCMP had said suspects were believed heading north in a taxi.

Roadblocks had been set up north and south of Kelowna after the man, believed to be from Alberta, was killed. Police have not released the victim's name.

Police said the five women were in a pickup truck with the man when the stabbing occurred about 3:30 a.m. on Highway 33 just east of here. They said the man was stabbed twice with a six-inch paring knife.

No charges had been released, and the women, a juvenile, three teenagers and a 20-year-old, were not named.

The fifth woman was arrested shortly after the stabbing. The amount stolen was not known.

\$100 Million 'Run-Around'



Recount Date Set

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — A judicial recount in former Premier Dave Barrett's Coquitlam riding will begin next Monday. The final count of the Dec. 11 B.C. election results showed Barrett 19 votes behind Social Credit candidate George Kerster, who topped the poll with 18,669 votes.

Seymour, chief of the Chemo-mains band, said confrontation is looming.

Soured officials, including Dan Campbell and party president Peter Hyndman, "definitely agreed in principle" to the proposal before the election.

Members of the native Indian movement, said Seymour, were included on the project co-ordinator Larry Seymour.

"But now that we have to actually get down to business, when there's some urgency—we're getting horsed around by Gracey (Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy) and the others."

Seymour plans to lead a group of native Indian representatives to the legislature to meet Socred ministers. Although there was no meeting set up, "they'll know when we're coming," he said.

The proposal would see native Indians setting up a public company called the Confederated Native Authority to initiate economic development.

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MANILA (UPI) — The Philippine government has launched military operations to free eight Filipino seamen whose barge was hijacked by Moslem terrorists in the south, a military spokesman said today. The hijackers are demanding \$285,000 ransom.

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Aussie Floods Worsen

BRISBANE (Reuters) — Floodwaters and fresh rains battered two Australian states Monday, leaving hundreds stranded and entire townships cut off in a virtual inland sea.

Police said the worst flooding was caused by torrential rain in Queensland where air force planes dropped supplies to farmers and motorists trapped by water inundating hundreds of square miles.

Three men disappeared while swimming off the Queensland coast and the body of a young woman was washed ashore in Melbourne, where thunderstorms and hail caused widespread damage.

At the height of the storm in Melbourne, traffic was brought to a halt by nearly a foot of water.

In Queensland, police failed in a bid to rescue 22 children marooned for 10 days in a mountain gorge. But the children and five adults on a camping holiday were reported in no immediate danger, with enough food for another two weeks.

Police Use the 'Patient Siege' to Flush Kidnappers

LONDON (NYT) — Police officials in Britain and other countries are developing new and tougher tactics to deal with the terrorist kidnappings that, in recent months, have become a chillingly routine phenomenon in Europe.

With one major exception — the decision by Austrian authorities to release the Palestinian terrorist gang who took as hostages the oil ministers of 11 nations and about 80 other people in Vienna — officials are now refusing to bargain with kidnappers.

Gone, too, are the bloody confrontations associated with

the massacre at the Munich Olympics in 1972, when the killing of two Arab terrorists by German sharpshooters led to the retaliatory murder of nine Israeli hostages.

Although each new kidnapping represents fresh obstacles and different responses, the tactics used by police recently have several common ingredients. These include patience, prudence, relentless psychological pressure and an effort to create some sort of personal relationship — however bizarre — among hostages, terrorists and police.

Finally — and most impor-

tant — the police now seem to be refusing, unequivocally, to make political concessions or allow safe passage in exchange for the lives of the hostages.

"To be perfectly blunt about it, what we are saying is that we are prepared to sacrifice the life of the hostages, if it comes to that. The only way to deal with these people is to make no deal at all."

That comment, which summarizes much of the new firmness displayed by European police forces, comes from Sir Robert Mark, chief of London's police force, a lib-

eral and humane man who, one suspects, would carry over on his conscience the loss of a single life.

Sir Robert first put these theories to the test in September, when armed gunmen bundled six Italian hostages into a storeroom in the basement of a restaurant known as the Spaghetti House in the Knightsbridge section of West London. The police sent in water, but did little else to improve what must have been appalling living conditions for both gunmen and hostages in the tiny cellar room. The gunmen surrendered on the fifth day.

Essentially the same approach was used when four Irish gunmen barricaded themselves on Dec. 7 in the living room of a flat owned by two middle-aged Britons, Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews. The police wanted to assure the safety of the Matthews, but they wanted no less to capture the gunmen, whom they suspected of being the core of a "cell" responsible for a wave of bombings in London's West End.

The area was surrounded, the Matthews flat fully flooded. The kidnappers had a radio, and thus heard Sir Robert's frequent assertions that

there would be "no deals... the only place they are going is to Brixton Prison." Meanwhile, officers with special training in psychological warfare took a softer line, speaking frequently with the kidnappers by a special telephone and lowering bits of food through the window.

After 138 hours, the men inside gave up.

"The one thing we decided not to do from the beginning was to go in shooting," Sir Robert said. "One must avoid melodrama, because melodrama creates martyrs. The real triumph is that we got them

alive, and exposed all their inadequacies as common criminals."

What Sir Robert calls the "patient siege" has been demonstrated by two other events.

One involved the incarceration in Ireland of Dr. Tiede Herrema, the Dutch industrialist released in November after a 19-day siege. Police here feel that his captivity may have been prolonged because the Irish police did not keep up round-the-clock contact — a form of pressure — with the kidnappers. But the Irish offered no concessions, and the results were ultimately favorable.

The other was the hijacking of a train and the seizure of the Indonesian consulate by young bands of South Moluccan nationalists in an effort to win independence for a small cluster of islands in the Indonesian archipelago.

Some hostages lost their lives aboard the train, but again the Dutch marksmen showed no more emotion than their British or Irish counterparts. In the end, steady, almost stony — police pressure, won its intended reward. Isolated, exhausted, unrequited, the terrorists gave up — first the train, then the consulate.

'No Hope' Held For 372 Miners

NEW DELHI (AP) — A top mines official has ruled out any chance of survival by even a few of the 372 miners trapped by millions of gallons of water in a coal mine in northeast India.

Srinivasa Chari secretary of coal in the energy ministry said today the high-capacity pumps and technicians being rushed from the United States will be used only to remove the water and enable workers to remove the bodies.

"There's no point in talking about survivors" Chari told a news conference after his return from the disaster site at Chasala in India's coal country 160 miles northwest of Calcutta.

Since an explosion ripped through the mine Saturday and set off flooding from an abandoned shaft 30 feet away the government had held out hope that a few miners might be clinging to life in air-pockets in the 1200-foot-deep shaft.

"There are no such pockets," Chari said.

The Soviet Union, France and Poland joined the U.S. in offering pumps and technicians to help drain the mine of an estimated 110 million gallons of water but the Indian government said it was waiting to see how long it would take to put equipment from the U.S. into operation before accepting other offers.

Robert Barrett head of the U.S. Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration said in Washington 10 pumps each with a capacity of 2500 gallons a minute were being flown to India from Midland, Tex. He said three experts from his agency and a fourth from a mine rescue firm would accompany the equipment.

It was understood here that two pumps from the U.S. would be at the site by Thursday.

Five pumps already operating have a capacity of less than 1,000 gallons a minute. Chari said even with the addition of the two high-capacity pumps the draining could take 15 days.

Soviet-Backed Angola Faction Set to Strike

Times News Services

The Soviet-backed faction battling for supremacy in Angola plans a new military offensive to upstage African peacekeeping efforts, according to diplomatic sources in Johannesburg.

A stockpile of sophisticated Russian military equipment will be thrown into the battle to widen the faction's control of the former Portuguese colony, the sources said Monday.

The military assistance includes a squadron of MIG-21 fighters recently assembled at the Marxist-held capital of Luanda, amphibious T-34 tanks and mobile Russian-made surface-to-surface missiles that the sources said already have inflicted heavy losses on the two anti-Soviet groups.

United States officials, meanwhile, expect the 49-nation African summit to condemn South Africa's military intervention but to stop short of granting recognition to the Soviet-supported faction that controls Luanda.

In fact, these officials say prospects are good that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) will urge the Marxist Popular Movement for the

Liberation of Angola (MPLA) to form a coalition government with two, U.S.-backed factions once there is a ceasefire.

This is the course favored by the United States and urged by William Schaefele, assistant state secretary for African affairs, on his current tour of Zaire, Gabon, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Senegal.

The MPLA is confined to Angola's Atlantic port capital and a narrow central strip running into the resource-rich west African territory.

To the north, south and east, its 20,000-man army, bolstered by 5,000 war-seasoned Cubans and 400 Soviet advisers, faces the anti-Communist guerrillas of the two rival movements, the National Front for the Liberation of Angola and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola.

The three-way civil war has been going on for months but heated up after Portugal formally pulled out of Angola Nov. 11.

The anti-Soviet forces are battling in eastern Angola for control of a vital railroad on the strategic Benguela Railroad, but there has been no indication of their progress.

Airlines Facing Key Year

MONTREAL (UPI) — The International Air Transport Association said Monday its 112-member airlines operated at or near a deficit again in 1975 and next year will be a "critical" period for the carriers.

In his year-end commentary, however, IATA director Knut Hammarskjöld expressed guarded optimism and said "I expect to see an improvement in the industry's fortunes by the end of 1976."

Hammarskjöld said the world airlines' hope for recovery from the adverse financial and operational trends in recent years failed to occur in 1975.

"The final financial results of the IATA member airlines in 1975 are expected to show little improvement over the previous year," he said. "Earlier estimates of a 2.5 per cent net operating result must now be seen as optimistic."

He said operating results last year were "disappointing" with international scheduled passenger traffic up only five per cent and charter passenger traffic rising only two per cent.

International freight increased only two per cent and mail rose by only three per cent.



BIG MAMA: Aging mother looks over infant Galapagos tortoise which thrive in Bermuda's warm climate. These two tiny inhabitants of the Bermuda government aquarium will soon be approaching adult size.

Bomb Hoaxes Follow Blast at La Guardia

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York experienced a two-hour delay at Logan International Airport in Boston while airport officials checked for a bomb.

The jet had taken off from Kennedy Airport in New York where a bomb threat was received.

The jet was diverted to Logan. No bomb was found.

Officials in New York said several of the injured suffered severed limbs from flying slabs of jagged plate glass blown out of the windows of the modern steel-and-glass airport.

Rev. Thomas Brady, Roman Catholic chaplain of

the fire department, likened the scene to a June 24 Eastern Airlines crash at Kennedy airport that killed 113 persons.

"They're all badly battered," Brady said.

"The place is a shambles. It's just like the Kennedy crash — limbs strewn everywhere."

Travellers with no place to go shivered in the cold as they waited in long lines to use one of three public telephones available outside the terminal building to call relatives and assure them they were safe.

Fire Commissioner John O'Hagan said, "the bomb was intended to maim and kill people... having the sophistication of the militants we know, they may have intended to kill people."

"It was a despicable act," O'Hagan said. "They should be hunted down."

Rentalsman Will Stay

The Social Credit government will continue the post of provincial rentalsman and Barrie Clark will keep the job, for the time being, Attorney-General Garde Gardom said Monday.

Clark, a former Liberal MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour and former host on an open-line radio show, became B.C.'s first rentalsman under the former New Democratic Party government.

Clark said he doesn't consider the job to be a political appointment and that he expects an announcement soon after the new year saying what the job entails under the new administration.

DEEPEA SHIPS

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Cowichan Bay — Gimland.

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on Indian lands on a scale that will allow benefit for all Indian people, said Seymour.

"From there we should be able to carry ourselves," his brief to Premier Bill Bennett says.

Negotiations are already in progress to purchase controlling shares of the Nootka Court nightclub Raffles and turn it into an authentic native Indian show place.

Also proposed is a tour package from Victoria to Duncan and Nanaimo, where the group hopes to establish an Indian Village on waterfront property and scheduled canoe races and war dances.

Property acquisition estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000 is in progress, according to another authority spokesman Paul Dame.

He said the group has a commitment from Exclusive Tours Incorporated of Vancouver to provide tourists for the tour venture and there is a possibility Nanaimo waterfront land could be utilized as a pilot project for the year.

Tour would provide lunch at a native Indian restaurant in Duncan.

The new image slated for the nightclub here, to be called Zinqua Opera House, would be an "authentic Indian showplace, with Indian food and dance and the authority hopes to purchase 57 per cent of Raffles from co-owner Buster Peace, who confirmed negotiations saying the "group means business."

Involved in the organization are Gordon Elliott, past-president of the South Island Travel Federation, and Elaine Calder, described by Dame as the niece of Frank Calder, Social MLA for Atlin.

The proposal would see the province guarantee the loan being negotiated with a Swiss banking group which Dame refused to name.

Geor Mines and Oil, a public company on the Vancouver Stock Exchange, would become the authority's business arm, said Dame.

The authority's brief sent to the Socreds before the provincial election is addressed "to the next premier and government of B.C."

Dame, who is working for Seymour, has locally marketed Dr. Dame's House Plant remedy and worked in TV marketing and with the Woolworth's chain, said native Indians are asking the Socreds to "give our people social credit."

Weapons 'Siphoned'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The siphoning of weapons from U.S. military supplies for shipment to Israel and Vietnam had "adversely affected over-all U.S. readiness," a government report says.



SEYMOUR

"We have the resources, both material and people, and we require money to develop these resources," says the authority's brief.

Dealing with the Indian problems is the government's greatest challenge, it adds.

Seymour said he cannot afford to provide accommodation for the dozen or so members of the authority in Victoria for a long time.

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the weather

A ridge of high pressure lying off the coast is now moving slowly eastward, as a result improving weather conditions are forecast for most of B.C. today and Wednesday. However, temperatures which have been mild for several days will become colder as cooler air gradually slips southward over most regions.

PUBLIC WEATHER OFFICE

10 A.M. FORECASTS

Valid Until Midnight Wednesday

Greater Vancouver, Lower Mainland, East Vancouver Island: Mainly cloudy with isolated showers of mixed rain and snow or rain followed by sunny periods with clearing overnight. Wednesday sunny with cloudy periods. Windy in exposed areas. High today near 7. Lows tonight around minus 2. Highs Wednesday near 4.

Greater Victoria: Mainly cloudy with isolated showers followed by sunny periods this afternoon and clearing tonight. Wednesday sunny. A few cloudy periods. Windy in exposed areas. Highs today around 7. Lows tonight near minus 2. Highs Wednesday around 4.

North and West Vancouver Island: A few showers of rain or wet snow. Wednesday cloudy with sunny periods. Windy in exposed areas. Highs today near 6 southern portions and 4 northern portions. Lows tonight near minus 3. Highs Wednesday around 4.

TEMPERATURES

Yesterday

Max. Min. Precip.

Victoria 9 5 13.8

Normal 6 2 —

One Year Ago

Victoria 7 4 8.9

ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Victoria 12 4 6.6

Prince Rupert 9 2 14.0

Prince George 4 — 1.5

Kamloops 5 2 — 3

Vancouver 11 5 13.0

Lethbridge 10 2 —

Medicine Hat 6 2 —

Vermilion 1 — 4 2.0

Edmonton 1 — 6 —

Jasper 3 0 1.8

Banff 3 — 1 7.6

Coronation 1 — 5 —

Calgary 9 — 2 —

Prince Albert 0 — 14 —

N. Battleford — 3 — 5

Saskatoon — 3 — 4

Swift Current — 1 — 5

Yorkton — 2 — 14

Moose Jaw 1 — 6

Thompson — 3 — 11

North Bay — 4 — 5

Regina — 1 — 5

Estevan — 1 — 5
Brandon — 6 — 15
Winnipeg — 2 — 17
Kenora — 1 — 8
Thunder Bay 1 — 3
The Pas — 3 — 10
Dauphin — 1 — 15
White River — 1 — 3
Toronto 0 — 8 4.1
Ottawa — 9 — 14 1.0
Montreal — 10 — 14
Quebec — 13 — 20 trace
St. John's — 7 — 8
Halifax — 4 — 11 trace
Charlottetown — 4 — 12
Fredericton — 8 — 24

U.S. Temperatures: Seattle

12, 4; Spokane 6, 1; Portland

14, 3; San Francisco 16, 8;

Los Angeles 23, 10; Phoenix

go 1, 0; Minneapolis 1, —2;

16, 2; Las Vegas 15, 1; Chica-

New York 2, 0; Miami 24, 23.

World Temperatures: Amsterdam

3, 8; Athens 7, 15;

Bangkok 11, 24; Beirut 10, 14;

Berlin 3, 5; Brussels 2, 6;

Buenos Aires 18, 32; Copenha-

gen —8, 9; Curitiba 16, 26;

Frankfurt 1, 2; Geneva —3, 2;

Helsinki 0, 5; Hong Kong 9,

16; Johannesburg 16, 26; Kiev,

1, 2; Lisbon 5, 13; London 8,

9; Madrid 3, 8; Moscow —4,

2; Paris 1, 4; Rio 20, 34; Sao

Paulo 17, 25; Seoul —5, 6; Sin-

apore 23, 27; Stockholm 0, 3;

Taipei 7, 15; Tehran —2, 4;

Tel Aviv 8, 15; Tokyo 1, 11.

CITY'S WEATHER RECORD

Sunshine December 64.3 hrs.

Last December 54.1 hrs.

Normal (30 years) 56.4 hrs.

Sunshine, 1975 2,126.7 hrs.

Last Year 2,215.7 hrs.

Normal (30 years) 2,186.0 hrs.

Precipitation December

181.5 mm

Last December 114.3 mm

Normal (30 years) 108.5 mm

Precipitation, 1975 831.2 mm

Last Year 656.6 mm

Normal (30 years) 657.6 mm

Sunrise, Sunset Wednesday

(Pacific Standard Time)

Sunrise 8.6 Sunset 16.27

TIDES AT VICTORIA HARBOR

(Time listed are Pacific Standard Time)

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Mountie's Action Saved Eight

SLAVE LAKE, Alta. (CP)—An RCMP officer was credited today with saving the lives of eight fellow passengers in the crash Monday night of a twin-engine Beechcraft near this northern Alberta community.

Ken Labrie of Slave Lake, a volunteer searcher, said the unidentified RCMP officer had "kicked out the cabin door and got the passengers out just before she blew up."

Only about three feet of the

aircraft's tail section was recognizable among the charred and twisted wreckage.

The pilot and co-pilot of the aircraft, operated by Bayview Air Services of Slave Lake, were missing and presumed dead. No names have been released.

Cpl. Bob Nay, an RCMP spokesman, said the aircraft crashed at 8:30 p.m. in heavy bush during a snowstorm about nine miles southwest of the Slave Lake on its final approach to the airport.

Slave Lake was a stop on its regular flight to Peace River from Edmonton's Municipal Airport, about 125 miles southeast.

He said the passengers had "short notice" before the aircraft burst into flames.

The survivors built a fire and spent about four hours huddled around it before a volunteer search party of about 20 Slave Lake residents reached the site.

The searchers were aided by heavy equipment in cutting

a path through the heavy bush.

The RCMP spokesman said ground searchers were directed to the crash site when a search and rescue aircraft from Edmonton spotted the wreckage about 2 a.m.

The Canadian Forces Rescue Co-ordination Centre was alerted when the Beechcraft did not arrive at Slave Lake but a check of radar and air-radio stations in the area was unsuccessful.

The aircraft was equipped with an emergency locator transmitter and a weak signal was picked up in the area by a Pacific Western Airlines commercial flight.

Labrie said the passengers were taken to hospital in snowmobiles and ambulances.

Dora Druine, director of nursing at the Slave Lake hospital, said most of the passengers suffered bruises or lacerations. "They were mostly just shook up."

Ontario To Order Strikers Back?

TORONTO (CP) — The Ontario government will legislate striking pulp and paper workers and Toronto teachers back to work in early January if contract disputes aren't settled, The Canadian Press has learned.

Cabinet sources said the legislature is likely to be recalled if the teachers turn down the latest contract offer from the Metropolitan Toronto board of education in a Jan. 7 vote.

The 8,800 teachers have been on strike since Nov. 12, leaving 140,000 high school students without classes.

About 11,000 pulp and paper workers, most of them in Northern Ontario, have been out since July.

One cabinet source said the government was ready to introduce legislation ending the pulp and paper strike on the day the legislature prorogued, Thursday, Dec. 18.

It was decided to hold off when Labor Minister Bette Stephenson expected an offer from one of the companies involved to the Canadian Paperworkers Union, the source added.

Ontario Paper Co. Ltd. at Thorold offered a 34 per cent increase in a three-year contract last week, but the offer was rejected.

A hearing on the motion will be held Jan. 7.

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More CIA Men To Be Named

WASHINGTON (UPI) — More names of U.S. intelligence agents working in Africa and Europe will be published by a magazine which identified Richard Welch as a CIA agent before he was slain in Greece last week, a spokesman said Monday.

Doug Porter, a staff member of the Washington quarterly Counterspy, said the February issue of the once-obscure magazine would publish the names of agents now in Angola, France and Sweden.

Counterspy and its parent organization, Fifth Estate, over the past three years have published names of CIA agents and in its most recent issue identified Welch as a CIA station chief in Lima, Peru.

Welch was transferred this year under cover to Greece as station chief and an Athens newspaper printed his name and address.

Counterspy, which describes itself as an adversary publication composed of former Vietnam veterans and some former intelligence agents, disclaimed responsibility for Welch's death.

A spokesman said the organization did not know Welch moved to Greece "and if anyone is to blame it is the CIA that sent him there to spy and perhaps even to intervene in the affairs of the Greek government. The blood of Welch is on the hands of the CIA and not on the pages of Counterspy."

President Ford said in Vail

on Christmas Eve he felt the disclosure of Welch's name was "partly responsible" for his assassination, and a spokesman said Ford feared other CIA agents would be endangered by disclosure.

3 Soldiers Slain In Namibia

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Defence headquarters announced Monday three South African soldiers have been killed by "enemy action" in South-West Africa, where black nationalists are fighting for independence.

The report gave no details but said the three—a private and two gunners—were killed in an "operational area."

South-West Africa—also known as Namibia—was placed under South African control by a mandate from the League of Nations after the First World War.

The United Nations revoked the mandate and has demanded that South Africa withdraw from the territory.

Guerrillas of the South-West Africa Peoples Organization are battling the South Africans for independence.

In the latest reported guerrilla attack, Mrs. Shirley Louw, 37, and her 12-year-old son, Bertus, were slain at their farm days ago.

Liberation . . . No Libation

LONDON (AP) — Laws banning sex discrimination in jobs, education, housing and services came into force Monday in Britain.

A Fleet Street watering spot immediately defied them by refusing to serve a group of women journalists a round of drinks at the bar.

Paul Bracken, manager of El Vino bar in the newspaper

district, said the women could be served only at tables.

The women journalists walked into El Vino at opening time on the first day of the new laws.

Maggie Brittain, head of the equal rights committee of the National Union of Journalists, held out a five-pound note and ordered drinks for all.

But Bracken said the 90-year tradition of men only at the bar will remain.

"This is ludicrous, pathetic and pitiful exhibition of mindless prejudice," said Ms. Brittain, who prefers that designation.

She left and said she would complain to the county court.

"The rule that women must sit down was introduced for purely chivalrous reasons,"

said owner Christopher Mitchell.

"When ladies were ladies, they would never dream of standing at a bar by themselves and drinking."

The anti-discrimination legislation has been hailed as one of the biggest steps forward in women's rights in Britain since women got the vote in 1918. But critics say there are still large loopholes.

Private homes, firms with fewer than six workers and private clubs are exempt.

Men are not permitted to be midwives or women to be miners or monks.

Also exempt are singers and actors, masseurs, lavatory attendants, those in jobs that involve physical contact such as corset fitting, em-

ployees on ships and remote construction sites and workers in single-sex prisons.

An employer can also reject a woman for a job if he believes she does not have sufficient strength or stamina, but if the woman demonstrates she meets this requirement the employer must hire her.



Bitter expressions after service refused.

Tapes Stolen From Auto

More than \$3,300 worth of stereo tapes, records and equipment was stolen from a parked car in James Bay Christmas Eve.

Victoria police said 160 cassettes, 132 eight-track tapes, 100 long-play albums and two speakers, worth a total of \$3,366, were stolen from a car belonging to Sidney Kazakoff, 1470 Dallas.

Police said Kazakoff works for Kareena Services Ltd., a Vancouver record distribution firm.

MAN CAUGHT

Clement Picard, a parolee who went missing from the Pandora Community Correctional Institute in Victoria last April, was arrested by police in Montreal Monday night. Victoria police were unable to say when Picard will be returned to this area to finish his sentence.

SEEING RED

MONTREAL (CP) — The Olympic organizing committee was ordered Monday to stop a competition aimed at decorating city streets for the 1976 Summer Games.

Mr. Justice Yves Leduc of Quebec Superior Court ordered a halt to the competition, named Coridart, pending hearing of an injunction request by artist Pierre d'Amour, who alleged the or-

ganizing committee used his original idea without permission.

d'Amour's motion alleges he suggested to the organizing committee in March, 1974, that a competition be held to decorate city streets leading to Games facilities.

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A hearing on the motion will be held Jan. 7.

Que. Civil Servants Soften Bilingual Bonus Demands

MONTREAL (CP) — Federal civil servants in Quebec have softened a threat not to serve the public in English if they do not receive a salary bonus by Jan. 1 for bilingual work.

Jacques Pilon, spokesman for 30,000 federal employees in the province, said Monday that workers whose jobs have been designated as bilingual will continue to serve the public in both English and French.

The president of the Quebec unit of the Public Service Alliance of Canada said, however, that those whose jobs have been designated as unilingual—more than two-thirds of the 30,000 employees in Quebec—will refuse to speak English even if they are capable of doing so.

"Employees will serve the public in the language for which they are being paid to work," said Mr. Pilon.

Among services to be affected are certain positions in taxation centres, Canada Manpower centres, the Unemployment Insurance Commission, and customs and immigration services throughout the province.

Mr. Pilon said the alliance had originally intended a full boycott of all English services if the federal government does not consent to their demands.

The alliance first cabled Prime Minister Trudeau on Dec. 15, with its demand that a bonus be paid employees who use two languages on the job. The next day, Treasury Board President Jean Chretien warned that civil servants refusing to serve the public in both official languages would be liable to unspecified sanctions.

Mr. Pilon denied, however, that the union had softened its position as a result of Mr. Chretien's stand.

"In some offices, only two positions are designated as bilingual, meaning a member of the public wanting to be served in English will have to wait until a person occupying their type of position is free to serve them," Mr. Pilon said.

"We are as interested in obtaining a bonus for a bilingual employee in British Columbia as a bilingual employee in Quebec," he added.

Mr. Pilon said the alliance was first promised a bonus for bilingual employees last August, but that it imposed the January deadline because the government has not agreed to terms of the payment.

A spokesman for the Treasury Board said Monday negotiations on the bonus are to resume next week in Ottawa.

11.3% Pension Boost For Canadian Veterans

OTTAWA (CP) — About 425,000 veterans and their dependents will receive increased war allowances from the veterans affairs department starting Jan. 1, the department announced today.

Benefits under the Canadian Pension Commission will increase 11.3 per cent, reflecting the 11.3 per cent increase in the consumer price index since the last pension adjustment a year ago.

This means that a veteran on full pension with a wife and two dependents will get \$756.01 monthly, up from \$679.25, the department said.

Increases in allowances paid under the War Veterans Allowance Act and certain civilian allowances which are adjusted four times a year, will go up by 2.8 per cent Jan. 1, reflecting the 2.8 per cent increase in the cost of living since October.

SURVIVOR CHARGED

ORLANDO, Fla. (UPI) — W. T. Zeigler was the lone survivor of Christmas Eve shootings that left his wife, in-laws and a customer dead at his furniture store.

Today, he faces charges of murdering all four.

Police said statements by two witnesses and "a preponderance of physical evidence" led Monday to the arrest of Zeigler, himself wounded in the stomach.

Zeigler's attorney, Ralph Hadley, said following the arrest, "I'm probably as surprised as my client is."

Zeigler was transferred

from West Orange Memorial Hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment, to Florida Hospital in Orlando, an Orange County sheriff's spokesman said.

NEW SEWAGE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS

CONTRACTORS MUST BE CERTIFIED BEFORE MARCH 15, 1976

Septic tank contractors and consulting engineers should attend the one day Sewage Disposal Regulations Seminar before the certification examination is taken.

The seminar is presented by the Capital Regional District Community Health Services.

PLACE:

Juan De Fuca Recreation Centre
1767 Island Highway

TIME:

January 14, 1976
From 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Contact your local Community Health Service Office to register.

Portable Electric Heater Cited in Six-Death Blaze

MONTREAL (CP) — A portable 110-volt electric space heater may have started the fire that killed six children Monday, a police spokesman said.

"The mother told us the heater was on when she left with her husband to do some groceries," the spokesman said.

The six victims, children of Bernard and Julieanne Paul-Hus, were identified as Jacqueline, 14, Jacques, 11, Linda, 9, Jean, 7, Pierre, 5, and Elizabeth, 3.

Sole survivor of the fire in the Pointe St. Charles district was the Paul-Hus' 16-year-old daughter, Christiane, who was baby-sitting for her younger brothers and sisters at the time.

"She was on the third floor with her brothers and sisters when she smelled smoke on the second floor," the spokesman said.

"On the second floor she told us she saw flames around the heater in her mother's room."

He said the heater had been placed in the mother's bedroom recently because she had complained about lack of heat from their gas furnace.

The girl tried to telephone for help but was unable to complete the call because of flames and smoke. She tried to run back upstairs to rescue her brothers and sisters, but was prevented from doing so by flames.

She managed to break the window in the second-floor bathroom and jump to a balcony with her hair on fire.

The children were found asphyxiated in the room where they had been playing. Some were found hiding under the bed.

Mrs. Paul-Hus said Christiane was blaming herself for the tragedy.

Paul-Hus, 38, who was laid off from his job at the Quebec Liquor Board last summer, said he and his wife had left the house for no more than an hour.

He said the family moved

into the 9½-room flat in August.

"It was a good house, made of stones . . . I thought it was safe," he said.

"All we have left is the clothes on our back, a daughter and the \$80 worth of meat in the car," he said.

1,200 Gather For Assembly

About 1,200 Jehovah's Witnesses from the Greater Victoria area are expected to attend the semi-annual assembly to be held Jan. 3 and 4 in S. J. Willis Junior Secondary School.

B.C. district supervisor Roy Strand will deliver the main speech at 2 p.m. Sunday, entitled How the Kingdom of God Affects You.

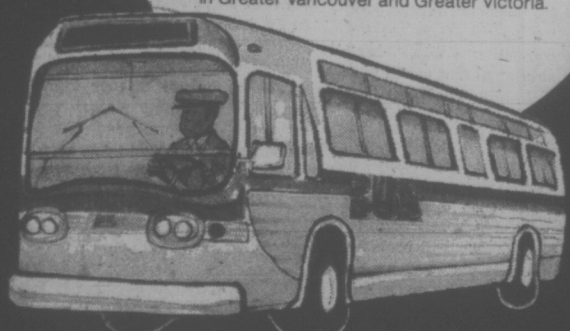
The water baptism ceremonies will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS . . .

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Vancouver Island Transit Ltd. (FastBUS)
Vancouver Island Coach Lines (Town and Country BUS)
West Vancouver Municipal Transportation (LocalBUS)



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A Bizarre Undertaking

One of the first acts of the new Bennett government already has British Columbians scratching their heads, and more than a few are worried. We refer to the strange advertisements which appeared in newspapers on Tuesday last week regarding "corporations in which the government of B.C. holds shares or has an interest."

It stated, on the authority of the minister of finance, that anyone holding a position in a corporation as "a representative or nominee" of the province shall henceforth do nothing unless he or she has specific authority in writing from the minister.

Just what does this mean? Not even the government itself seems to know. Evan Wolfe, who is the new finance minister, said on Wednesday he didn't know very much about the announcement. It was handled by the premier's office (so much for the idea of a strong, independent finance minister?). Wolfe said it was intended to prevent any precipitate action by crown agencies or corporations on projects or plans initiated by the previous administration.

Premier Bill Bennett, who apparently arranged the ad personally, is extremely reticent on the meaning of the promulgation, or even the need for it. He mentioned not a word about it at his first news conference, the afternoon before the ads appeared. And asked the next day to comment upon it, he said only that the reasoning behind it will become clear in a few weeks.

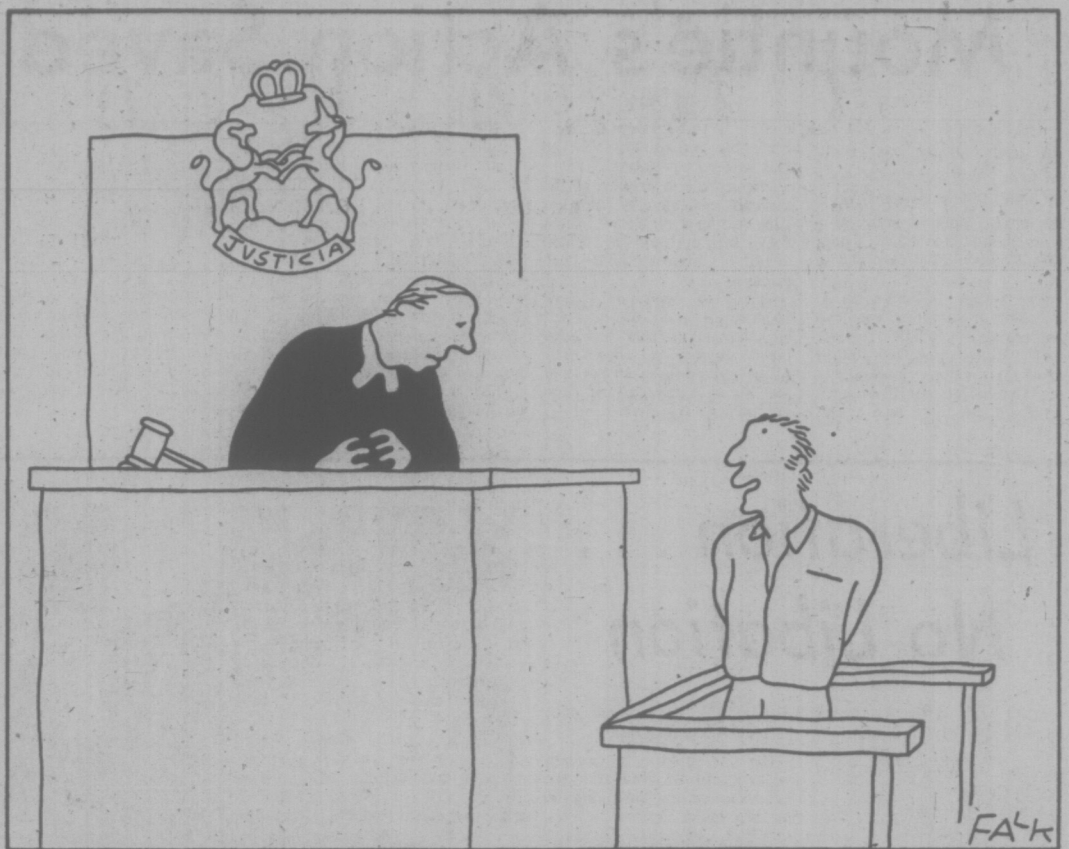
We certainly hope so. Because interpreted literally (as it should be, since the wording seems quite all-inclusive and authoritative), it means that nobody who works for any crown corporation or agency should do anything until he gets a letter from the finance minister. As one newspaper commented, it indeed seems to strip the crown corporations of all powers.

Even friends of the government admit that it places corporations like B.C. Hydro and B.C. Rail in complete limbo. Why was it done? we ask again. Is it a notice to businessmen and British Columbians generally not to sell any goods or products to a government agency, or not to honor any of its

cheques? Has the new government reason to believe that the corporations were planning a last-minute spending binge? Does it foretell a return to the practices of the former Socred administration where deputy ministers had to get permission in writing from the premier's office before telephoning outside B.C.?

Does it mean anything at all, besides its public relations shock effect? According to a spokesman for Cancej, which is 81 per cent owned by B.C., it has no effect upon them whatsoever since the government itself appoints no directors or officers — they are chosen by the shareholders.

How long will this strange ruling remain in effect? The ads say only "until further notice." The people of the province, especially those directly affected at the crown corporations and those who must deal with them, deserve to have some better explanation of this arbitrary and abrupt decision. Otherwise, it will only foster harmful rumors, speculation and wild surmises about the state of affairs at ICBC, the BCR, B.C. Hydro and other government operations.



"... if you're going to send me up, your worship, may I suggest the correctional facilities on Wilkinson Road?"

letters

Seat Belts

A few years ago I was in Germany and found that the German authorities had tackled the question of seat belts by rigging it to the insurance system. If someone was involved in an accident and if a panel of doctors decided that the injuries were more severe because the person had not been wearing a seat belt, then that degree of severity was deducted as a percentage from the medical insurance coverage. My personal observation was that a fair proportion of Germans wore seat belts.

If this form of coercion were used in B.C. it would benefit the public in several ways. The police and the law courts would not have the additional load of enforcing the alternative system. The police would not incur further unpopularity by having to enforce yet another regulation. A direct link between seat belts, injuries received and medical insurance would probably persuade people to use seat belts more than outright coercion on government authority. Police patrols and heavy penalties are already in use against drink drivers with only limited success. The less obvious and more selective approach has had good success in Germany and would probably work well here. There is however a loophole for those accidents where seat belts would have made things worse rather than better. The doctors decide. Since ICBC is a government agency, the law would be simpler to administer in B.C. than in Germany where it already works efficiently.

For those who don't like the Ontario law, this is an alternative to consider. —Mrs. Aileen Gentes.

Not Consultant

On Nov. 25 your paper ran a story about the mysterious missing briefcase and referred to a Kenneth G. Tryon as a forestry consultant.

I have been instructed by the council of the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters to advise you that Mr. Tryon is not a member of this association, and therefore, not a registered Professional Forester. Furthermore, in accordance with the British Columbia Professional Foresters Act, 1970, he is not entitled to engage in the practice of professional forestry either as a consultant or otherwise or to permit the use in connection with his name, business or otherwise, any name, title, designation, descriptive term or statement implying that he is a registered professional forester. Using the descriptive term "forestry consultant" in connection with his name as head of a firm bearing his name, might lead people to believe that he is a registered professional forester. —C. W. Walker, R.P.F., Registrar, Association of B.C. Professional Foresters.

Hitting the Poor

As one of the 168,000 clerks employed by the federal government, I would like to comment further on the recent news-cast made by Ottawa and broadcast by CFAX Radio Station on Dec. 3. Quote:

"Do you want to know where your tax dollar is going? There are presently 35,000 civil servants earning \$30,000 annually; five years ago 10,000 and ten years ago 1,000."

Observing the broadcast did not quote any particular sector of the government, I can only assume that these figures must apply to the higher echelons in Ottawa. They certainly do not apply to any civil servant employed by the department of national defence. This recent statement may be misconstrued by the public that we civil servants are making very high salaries. This no doubt comes at a very opportune moment observing a new contract is under negotiation for the clerks. If they choose to publicize the high wage earners, then it would only be fitting that they disclose the salaries paid to the clerks. It would most likely embarrass the government to state publicly the salaries paid to clerks which, in

Promises, Promises

The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia provided an expensive education in political realities — as supposed to politicians' posturings on the stump — for the New Democratic Party government of B.C. It looks as though it will provide another equally painful one for the new Social Credit administration.

An NDP government which rashly promised \$25 car insurance (optimistically based on the provincial government's own motor vehicle self-insurance fund), which boldly pledged automobile insurance premiums 22 per cent lower than those of the private industry, which unequivocally said there

would be no subsidies for ICBC, within a very short period of taking office had to reverse all of these solemn undertakings.

Now the Social Credit administration, which promised flatly no subsidies for ICBC and pledged to open up auto insurance to competition with the private firms again, after fewer than seven days in office has stated that the first promise is inoperative and the second may not be redeemed for quite some time.

With the decisions made so rapidly, it appears the new government must have known for some time that this is what it would do, what it realistically could do. Yet throughout the election campaign

it stuck tenaciously to the hard line, no ifs, ands or buts — expose ICBC to competition, and no subsidies.

British Columbia's experience with public auto insurance says a lot about election promises, both the NDP and Social Credit varieties. One must assume that either the politicians didn't know a thing about the issue, but pretended they did; or they knew exactly what would happen but promised pie in the sky to get votes. Either conclusion degrades the political process.

Dare we hope for some far-off future where politicians give us plain talk and ICBC operates like the good idea it was and remains?

HAROLD GREER

Read This One for the Road

TORONTO — A proposal by Attorney-General Roy McMurtry that Ontario follow British Columbia and Alberta in giving the police on-the-spot power to suspend the licences of drinking drivers for 24 hours has provoked more criticism than it deserves.

Partly this is McMurtry's fault for failing to explain, when he unveiled the proposal, that the police would use the power only in conjunction with a "check stop" program similar to that used in Alberta since Nov. 1, 1973. The point is a rather important one.

In British Columbia, a police officer has had the power since 1966 to lift the licence of a driver, at any time and any place on a highway, whom he suspects of having consumed alcohol even though he may not have "reasonable and probable grounds" to believe, as required by the criminal code, that the driver is impaired.

The suspension lasts, generally speaking, for 24 hours and never goes to court. It is intended to meet the all too prevalent situation where a driver has been drinking to an extent that he could be a danger to others and himself but not to the extent that he would be guilty within the meaning of "impaired" under the criminal code.

Stone Drunk

("Impaired" is not defined in the code but police practice and court interpretation have combined to have it mean an absurdly high level of intoxication. The average blood alcohol level of those convicted of impairment in Ontario, for example, is .17 per cent, which in layman's terms means stone drunk. Even the breathalyzer offence of .08 per cent means, for the great majority of adults, drunkenness rather than impairment.)

The objection to giving the police this power is, of course, that a police officer becomes judge and jury. He need only suspect a driver has consumed alcohol. He does not have to prove it to a court.

Under the B.C. law, a driver can get his licence back if he volunteers to take a breathalyzer test and the test shows a blood alcohol level of less than .08 per cent or if he can produce a doctor's certificate to that effect, or if he can satisfy the police officer that the delay involved in undergoing a test will endanger someone's life. Otherwise, the only protection a driver has against police abuse of the power is an action for damages in civil law, which is not much protection.

Alberta has a somewhat similar law plus an intensely-advertised program of police road blocks or check stops where teams of officers examine drivers to see if they have been drinking, either in violation of the criminal code or "in such quantity as to affect... physical or mental ability," in which case the 24-hour suspension may be invoked. Again, however, the police need only suspect a motorist has been drinking to such extent.

The committee of four Ontario civil servants who examined both provinces' legislation recommended the Alberta system plus some additions, such as con-



AUTO ACCIDENT
... a mix of alcohol and gasoline

fiscating an offending driver's keys. The committee, however, did not specifically say — indeed, it left the option open — that the 24-hour suspension should be used only in conjunction with a check stop program and McMurtry, in his initial approval of the committee's report, failed to make his intentions clear.

The result has been alarming visions of drivers' being stopped on isolated stretches of highway and suspended on the spot, on suspicion of drinking, by over-bearing cops who may feel they have not been treated with the proper respect. The public image of the police in Ontario, one must understand, leaves much to be desired.

This danger of police abuse, however, is obviously minimized although not obliterated — if the power to suspend were only used when the police were conducting organized road checks. The presence of a senior officer in charge, of other motorists and police, would serve as a deterrent to the abuse which might occur in an isolated situation with only one officer present.

Even so, the critics are not likely to be satisfied even with this approach. To argue, as the committee of officials did and as McMurtry does, that giving police this new and unusual power is necessary because the criminal code does not provide sufficient means for removing drinking-drivers from the road, is hardly a compelling argument. It would seem to make more sense to correct and strengthen the criminal code, which the federal government is currently proposing to do.

Didn't Go Up

The case for giving the police arbitrary power would be stronger if it could be shown that the number of drinking drivers involved in accidents is lessened thereby. But the statistics, such as they are, are at best contradictory in respect of B.C.'s experience with the 24-hour suspension law.

In 1965 — the last year in B.C. without the law — 1.71 per cent of all drivers involved in accidents had been drinking. In Ontario the figure was 7.86 per cent. (The gross difference is explained by different reporting systems). In 1973, the B.C. figure was 2.33 per cent; the Ontario level was 9 per cent. In other words, the incidence of drinking drivers involved in accidents in B.C. went up by 39.2 per cent, but in Ontario, without the law, by only 14.5 per cent.

However, it is well-known that the more severe the accident the more likely liquor is involved, and here B.C.'s record was much better than Ontario. The incidence of drinking drivers involved in fatal accidents in Ontario climbed by 39.4 per cent between 1965 and 1973, and in B.C. by only 11.6 per cent.

The Alberta program has not been in operation long enough to permit statistical evaluation. It is perhaps significant, however, that in the year before Alberta began its program, 39.4 per cent of traffic fatalities in the province involved liquor; in the year after, the incidence was exactly the same — 39.4 per cent. At least it didn't go up.



Victoria Hare Krishna followers, in old-style garb.

my estimation, is poverty level. It is a known fact that the government pays the lowest wage of anybody in Canada. In other words, the civil servants are once again being made the political scapegoat by the recent wage and price controls. I am sure we are all aware that the only control the government will have is over the federal civil servants.

May I take this opportunity to enlighten you as to where your tax dollar is going? Millions of dollars have been allocated for bilingualism, costing \$30,000 to teach one civil servant to speak French, which is seldom if ever used. This was also made public in a local paper, yet the civil servants are going to be restricted to a 10 per cent guideline. May be someone out there can enlighten me as to why this should take priority at a time when our economy is faltering. I for one fail to see where justice prevails.

I am fully aware that some controls have got to be instituted, but should they be brought upon the already low wage earners?

The statements I have made are facts, and the figures I have quoted were both written and made public either on television, radio or newspaper. —K. D. Stephanie, 227 Linden Avenue.

ISKCON Replies

I am writing to comment on your Dec. 19 news story And a Merry Krishnamas to You. Funds collected by ISKCON world relief go to support various projects for elevating the human condition and relieving human suffering. They go to support our faith as our faith is that it is the perfection of life to dedicate one's body, words, deeds, and heart to the service of God and man. This has been clearly stated by God through his Son (please note the two great commandments) and also was stated by Krishna himself in the Bhagavad Gita (a book accepted as divine by more than 500,000,000 people in the world). Persons collecting for ISKCON world relief are therefore working in accordance with both the laws of God and the laws of man (ISKCON is a registered Canadian charity and as such none of the funds are used for personal profit or gain).

Therefore we entirely agree with the city official who suggests that people should know to what they are donating. They should know that ISKCON has projects ranging from getting kids off drugs by teaching free meditation and yoga, distributing free food in more than 100 centres around the world to anyone who wants it (that may be from 100 meals a week in Vancouver to 10,000 a day in Bengal) and teaching a saner and simpler philosophy in schools, clubs and colleges. The people of Victoria should also know that ISKCON has received official commendation from such men as Dr. J. Das, a Vancouver doctor, ex-mayor John Lindsay of New York, the mayor of San

Francisco, an American ambassador, a Canadian ambassador, an official from UNICEF and more.

The people of Victoria should also know that we have not been selling cookies, driving around in sound trucks or anything else. Persons collecting for ISKCON all carry official ISKCON identification and carry official, closed cans. It is suggestive of how much Mr. Moss knows about us that he has lumped us with some other groups, without proper inquiry.

There is another group that receive a lot of support at Christmas who have a very similar approach to the Hare Krishna devotees, that is the Salvation Army. It is well known that before you get a Sally Ann supper you listen to the message first. Why are they not accused of collecting for their faith? To answer that I think that Victorians should take a good look at themselves and not repeat the mentality of the mayor a few years ago who revealed his bigotry by confiding that his private name for the devotees was "skin head."

We welcome all enquiries and suggest that anyone who would like more detailed information on our activities write us at 1774 West 18th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. One final comment is that ISKCON is an official legal term for the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and is in no way misrepresentative of our identity. On the other hand terms like Hare Krishnas, etc. are colloquialisms that have no official status. —Peter Chatterton, President, ISKCON, Vancouver.

60 YEARS AGO

From the Times of December 30, 1915

War has played havoc with all branches of local sport during 1915 and only a handful of athletes remain in Victoria who have not donned the khaki, and these are nearly all engaged in some way which prevents their enlisting. During the year close to 200 local athletes joined the ranks. A glance over the recruiting columns and through the casualty lists shows the splendid response to the call of empire among the active participants in sports. Several of the city's foremost athletes have already fallen for the sake of their country's freedom on the battlefields of France. Such athletes as Frank Gallher, Sid Thomas, "Shorty" Ward, A. Hudson and others have sacrificed their lives for the great cause.

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IQ Tests a Silly Business

You know what the problem is. Anyone who has ever taken a so-called intelligence test knows what the problem is. The problem is this. You are asked on the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (test). "Why should we avoid bad company?" If you answer, "You might get involved in a situation you couldn't control," you are wrong and stupid. The correct answer is, "It leads to temptation." Or a six-year-old is asked (on The Stanford-Binet test). "What is the difference between a bird and a dog?" If the response is "A bird can go faster than a dog" or "A dog chases a bird," it is wrong. The correct answer is "A bird flies and a dog runs."

Depending on your answers to such questions as these, you get assigned an Intelligence Quotient. And depending on the level of that I.Q. you get earmarked and dyed-tagged, not to mention folded, spindled, and mutilated. You go to the head of the class, or the foot of it, and you stay there. It's predicted whether you are going to become a gynecologist or a movie usher, and you get to live up to that prediction, because, as it's been shown, such prophecies tend to self-fulfill.

Last but not least, you are told by such authorities as Arthur R. Jensen of the University of California, William Shockley of Stanford, and Richard J. Herrnstein of Harvard, that the ability to answer these questions is a function of your genotype (just fancy! It's good genes that tell you to avoid the temptation offered by bad company); and, what's worse, that black people are 15 per cent poorer at it than white people. That is the problem, and frankly it seems so ridiculous that it's a wonder people still bother to write books about it.

Yet, write books about it people continue to do. Benjamin Fine, who died shortly after completing *The Stranglehold of the I.Q.*, has written one full of indignation and foreboding

By CHRISTOPHER LEHMANN-HAUPT

and bromides. Fine, a former education editor of *The New York Times* and headmaster of Sands Point Country Day School for Gifted Children, catalogues all the excesses of our test-obsessed society — the error of mistaking prognosis for diagnosis, the high cost to our skilled-labor pool of inflicting culture-bound criteria of intelligence on minorities, the nonsense of defining intelligence as if it were eye-color or dental occlusion and assigning it the status of a hereditary trait (assuming, of course, that intelligence is what I.Q. tests measure in the first place, which, of course, Fine argues, it isn't).

And he concludes, sensibly enough I suppose, by calling for an end to all I.Q. and standardized achievement tests, and for more emphasis on "teacher-oriented examination" designed to stimulate rather than to cubbyhole. But by the time one gets around to these prescriptions one is too numbed by the obviousness of it all — or else by the author's repetitiveness — to give the proposal much serious thought.

Carl B. Ljungman, a Swedish student of philosophy and psychology, has written a book about it too. What is I.Q.? Intelligence, Heredity and Environment — a book that is lean and scholarly, and is full of graphs and correlation statistics and appendices on validity criteria. But Ljungman's study is far more absorbing than Fine's, if only because he has explored the subject in some depth. For one thing, Ljungman explains the accumulated evidence contradicting the view that intelligence is determined by heredity — evidence based on studies of monozygotic and dizygotic twins, of adopted children, and of infants with defective brains.

For another thing, he explains in detail why even so-called culture-fair testing systems such as Raven's Progressive Matrices Test and the Cattell Culture-free test (which he also explains in detail) are basically rooted in Western logic. Finally, he demonstrates persuasively his surprising conclusion that "anyone with a normally developed nervous system (can) solve the most difficult problems in intelligence tests," and that it is prior knowledge, time, and interest that account for the variability of results.

Still, the case made by these two books seemed to me so overwhelming and one-sided that I felt pervasively provoked to think up possible defenses for the poor old Intelligence Quotient. There must be some use for it, mustn't there? What about the I.Q. as a badge of merit? It's something to be proud of . . . if a test happens to catch yours on the upside (the upside and the downside, in Benjamin Fine's experience with students, can vary in a single individual as much as 40 points within a period as short as a week).

After all, as Ljungman speculates, the reason intelligence testing was initiated in the first place (by the English scientist, Sir Francis Galton) may have been because "the nobility had to have over its hereditarily privileged positions to the rising bourgeoisie in the 1880s, (and) the vacuum left by the myth of the aristocrat's God-given and nature-given hereditary superiority had to be filled."

Well then, how about open admission to the Mensa Society — the organization now restricted to people with very high I.Q.'s — with separate chapters for the Near-Geniuses, the Merely Normal, and the Extremely Backward? That way anyone who wanted to could participate in the meritocracy. And education could go on about its serious business.

New York Times

Liberals Need a Rest To Pick Up the Pieces

By DOUGLAS FISHER

OTTAWA — The five-week period free from parliamentary sittings may help all of us gather our wits.

Why do we need to? It's been a harrowing quarter, particularly for the Trudeau government and the federal Liberals as a party. Since John Turner resigned, few things have gone well.

The Commons recessed — snarling. The anti-inflation program is legally in place but neither its credibility nor efficacy is very certain; and its constitutionality, as yet untested, is dubious.

The governing party has to be thankful that it has almost a three-year run ahead of it before a new mandate from the electorate is needed.

Why thankful? Look at it in terms of basic party strength. Not only did the Liberals fall into third place in Ontario provincial politics, they were almost wiped out in B.C. What must be noted in B.C. is not that a lone Liberal survives in the Legislature but that four prominent ex-Liberals are in the new governing Social Credit caucus at Victoria.

Newfoundland, small enough but a former provincial and federal bastion of the Liberals, will take its lead from a Tory premier until 1979. There's been no recovery of Liberal fortunes — provincially for certain, probably federally — on the Prairies.

But the worst misfortunes of the federal Liberals are developing in Quebec. It's not so much that the Bourassa government is in trouble with scandals and the Olympics. It's that the Quebecers in power in Ottawa, from the prime minister down, detest Bourassa and his governing style and party methods, yet they can't do a thing about them. Worse still, they themselves are open to scandals over their own partisan practices in the province.

Clearly, the new Liberal lieutenant, Marc Lalonde, does not have a strong grip on partisan affairs — witness the Hochelaga by-election defeat. The Mirabel contracts and the Skyshop deals featuring Bobby Giguere are festering away.

Almost every aspect of the Olympics is in a mess. As the international and national interest mounts in the months preceding the games, the federal government's participation in security, broadcasting, financing (the coins, the stamps, the lottery) and the sustenance of the national team itself all will become more contentious and divisive.

It's a commonplace that the fundaments of the federal Liberals has been and is a solid



LALONDE
... weak grip



CHRETIEN
... treading water



JUNEAU
... gone without glory

the Parti Quebecois will form the next government in Quebec.

Such a scan ahead of party fortunes in Quebec seems significant for the Trudeau government and the party but it may not be so important as the merging crisis in what one can only call French Canadian confidence in their own competence.

The eclipse of that long-time marvel, Jean Drapeau, is almost total. Two French Canadians who had been given major federal agencies — Pierre Juneau and Yves Pratte — are gone from them with much less than glory.

Jean-Luc Pepin has been a disaster in the short-run as chairman of the Anti-Inflation Board.

Jean Chretien is in a crucial role as head of the Treasury Board. While he has not yet flubbed it, it isn't an exaggeration to say that he's barely treading water.

Although the government hangs steadfast to its bilingualism program, it is wildly unpopular in English Canada and it is not going well internally.

Another commonplace about the federal Liberals as the party usually in power is this: At least they know how to administer the country fairly well.

This reputation has taken several hard knocks since the Turner resignation and the government's startling turn-about on wage and price controls. The so-called contingency plans for the wage and price controls were either non-existent or useless. The first, seeming coherence of support for the program by provincial governments is now much looser. To be fair, it has not yet crumbled.

The recent report of the auditor-general (supposedly a tame cat) has called in question the simple matter of whether the current administration, right across the board, is in control of its own spending plans and programs.

There's always a tendency for people, especially journalists, to equate power and the men in power with effectiveness. A prime minister has a good majority backing. An election is a long way ahead. Therefore he and his ministry are in charge and must be taken to be doing fairly well.

Without suggesting in the slightest that there is any likelihood of a change in the leadership of the federal government before 1978 or even that the Liberals are likely to be tossed out of power in 1978, it seems clear at this parliamentary recess and the turn into 1976 that the triumvirate of prime minister, government and party, is doing very badly. Indeed, the only bottom underneath them in a partisan way at this time is not in themselves but in the confusions of their major rivals.

The Suspension of Collective Bargaining

With an air of profound discovery the leader of the New Democratic Party, Ed Broadbent, told a TV audience that "collective bargaining as we know it is virtually dead."

He is at least partly right. Certainly the bargaining power of unions has been severely limited by the federal government's wage and price control program.

The point Broadbent and others like him refuse to deal with is why it was necessary for public authority to interfere with labor's traditional freedom.

The government has taken this action in order to create a pause in the process of action and reaction that has been showing every sign of getting out of hand. The scramble of the strong to protect themselves against inflation was victimizing the weak and at the same time feeding the flames. We have been on a road that leads to economic collapse and disorder.

And beyond that was the prospect of even more authoritarian intervention in every aspect of Canadian life.

Then free collective bargaining would have been truly dead. In fact it is now being limited only in terms of money. There are many other areas of working conditions that are of proper concern to unions and can still be freely negotiated.

The limited sacrifice for the present is surely worthwhile to preserve this freedom and to lay the foundations for a return to full collective bargaining in a saner atmosphere of social responsibility.

Opinion polls show that about 60 per cent of the Canadian public generally is ahead of Broadbent and other critics in its perception of the problem.

Most people may not like

government controls either, but they regard Ottawa's program as the only effective action possible against the inflation now scourging this country. They are prepared to try it.

For the immediate future collective bargaining will function only as long as the two sides remain within the limits of the restraint program.

Since the Anti-Inflation Board is the only body that can interpret which groups are to be exempt or get special

permission to exceed the limits, conciliators, mediators, arbitrators and the weapon of the strike itself all become largely irrelevant. This is a fact Metro's striking teachers and other labor groups have not yet faced up to.

One reason union leaders don't want to acknowledge the suspension of unrestricted collective bargaining is that the main reason for unionism — and hence union leaders — is to bargain for the highest pay possible. That's one of the causes of our present inflation.

But a lot of the confusion can be laid at the doorstep of the Anti-Inflation Board itself. It still professes not to interfere with the collective bargaining process and still refuses to acknowledge its necessarily supreme role as a labor court.

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An Editorial

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WHERE WILL IT ALL END

By WALTER SULLIVAN

was "open" — that its combined gravity was insufficient to prevent its perpetual expansion. Some said the evidence was still inconclusive.

There is reluctance to accept the concept of infinite expansion if only on philosophical grounds. Dr. Edward R. Harrison, professor of astronomy at Amherst College, said to conceive of the universe as marching inexorably toward a "graveyard of frozen darkness" was a "horrible thought."

"It would make the whole universe meaningless," he added. "If that were true, I would quit and spend my life raising roses."

He and several other participants said in interviews that if the expansion continued indefinitely, the larger galaxies — the great assemblages of dust and gas within which the

stars lie — would swallow up the smaller ones. The stars would burn out and collapse to super dense states.

The remnants of those stars would spiral into the cores of the galaxies to form "super black holes" so dense that nothing, not even light, could escape. It was pointed out that the Milky Way Galaxy within which the sun lies and its nearest twin, the Andromeda Galaxy, are drawing together and it is suspected that the two miniature galaxies, the Clouds of Magellan, that are nearer are also falling toward the Milky Way.

Dr. P. J. E. Peebles of Princeton University said, however, that Andromeda and the Milky Way will probably not collide until they have many close passes as they circle one another. Their stars would initially intermingle, he

said. Collapse into a black hole would probably occur much later.

If the universe is "closed" — that is, if its gravity finally begins to pull it back together — it would collapse upon itself and, according to the oscillating universe concept, would then explode into a new universe as part of an endless cycle of death and rebirth.

New York Times

TELEPHONE RATE CHANGES

The Canadian Transport Commission has authorized a general increase in B.C. Tel's rates for most local telephone services, most long distance calls within B.C. and for a number of miscellaneous services, including service connection charges.

These rate changes become effective January 1, 1976, and will be reflected in your first monthly statement after that date. Three new items affecting long distance calling are as follows:

● UNCOMPLETED PERSON-TO-PERSON AND COLLECT CALLS

From January 1, 1976, a charge of 50¢ will apply to each uncompleted person-to-person or collect call in excess of five such calls per customer account in any one monthly billing period.

Person-to-person calls are considered uncompleted when the called party is unavailable. Collect calls are considered uncompleted when the charges are refused at the called number.

● BIGGER LONG DISTANCE DISCOUNTS WITHIN B.C. . . .

On January 1, 1976, the evening (5-11 p.m.) and Sunday (8 a.m.-11 p.m.) rate discounts on most long distance calls within B.C. will increase from 25% to 35%. At the same time the night (11 p.m.-8 a.m.) rate discount on most long distance calls within B.C. will increase from 50% to 60% — with a maximum charge of 23¢ per minute for DDD (112) calls you dial yourself.

● . . . AND NOW ALL DAY SATURDAY, TOO

Starting January 3, 1976, the 35% discount on most long distance calls within B.C. will also apply from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday as well as Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE — The discounts apply to the total charge on most DDD (112) calls, and to the overtime minutes only on operator-handled station-to-station calls. There is no discount at any time on person-to-person calls.

These changes introduce an uninterrupted 63-hour period each week (5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Monday) during which you can dial your own DDD (112) calls to most places in B.C. for 35% or 60% less than regular day rates. And that's good news!

B.C. TEL

The Misfits of Society

By KENNETH CRAWFORD

Out on the road one recent autumn day, tired from a fairly long drive, the time came to check into a motel for the night.

"Are you," asked the earnest young woman behind the counter, "a senior citizen?"

I could have said, "Obviously." Or I could have asked her if she was a freshman or sophomore citizen. But all I said was, "Unfortunately, yes."

"Oh, there's nothing wrong with that," she said. "You get two dollars off your bill — it's management policy."

Our situation lies somewhere between sanctuary and wilderness. People are too polite to call us the rotten apple in the barrel so we become the senior apple. Given our numbers, thanks to modern medicine and available nutrition, we are a big apple and growing bigger all the time.

Our greatest boons are, of course, Social Security and Medicare. We thought we were paying for Social Security during our productive years but our contributions were not enough to fund our benefits in an inflated economy. So we are now a burden to the active work force. We are at least semi-dependents. The young, perhaps because they recognize that they, too, will grow old, have been more tolerant of our dependency up to this point than might have been expected.

Politicians not only tolerate us but court us for the obvious reason that, not having much pressing non-political business, we vote every time we get the chance. We are not a voting bloc but we

do, rather than as just one quite fortunate old man, is disconcerting. Face it: we are people, as a social class, are misfits in the contemporary American order. We are neither respected elders, assumed to be full of the wisdom of experience, nor outcasts abandoned to the buzzards, as the outworn and useless are in some primitive tribes.

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have the potential and this is fully recognized by the profession.

Some of the geriatric journals I see argue that we should present a united political front, that this is the way to wrest more benefits from government. We have it coming, say the united fronters, because of all we did for society while we were still doing things. Society should, of course, take adequate care of the destitute, the helpless and the needy regardless of age and including the aged.

As for the rest of us, we who are reasonably comfortable and still hover this side of senility, our wants should be tempered by resignation. All we should expect is to be washed up on the banks of the mainstream where we can watch the river traffic go by. It is distressing, and gratifying by turn but always gaudy and fascinating.

In our time we are not destined to become a mighty political force. Not that the care and feeding of the old will cease to be a quantity in the future political equation. Indeed, it is likely to get weightier. The now middle aged will constitute a larger proportion of the electorate when it becomes senior than we present seniors do. And when the new young get there they will be an enormous overhang. It is a frightening prospect. Effectively organized, they may convert the system into a geriatric.

Meanwhile, society is right not to count on the wisdom of our experience, even as it humanely refrains from consigning us to the buzzards.

No Trade Unless Lucas Willing

By ERNIE FEDORUK
Times Staff

Edmonton Oil Kings have offered three players and some cash in exchange for the playing services of Victoria Cougar forward Dan Lucas.

The question is: will Lucas approve that or any Western Canada Hockey League trade?

The outstanding but presently-unemployed 17-year-old indicated Monday that he may give up hockey "at least for the balance of this season" in order to concentrate on his education.

Oil Kings' manager Brian Shaw has offered Victoria defenceman John Phillips and forwards Ted Olson and Rocky Maze, plus a cash amount of about \$5,000.

All three Edmonton players are 19, and in their final year of junior eligibility.

Lucas, who has two more seasons of junior hockey ahead of him, left the Cougars on Dec. 21. The walkout was apparently prompted by coach Pat Ginnell's public criticism of Lucas and his linemates the previous night, following a 4-3 Victoria loss to New Westminster Bruins.

Lucas, speaking from his

Powell River home Monday, said the only definite decision he has made is to resume his education. A grade 12 student at Oak Bay Senior Secondary, Lucas plans to return to Victoria later this week to complete high school.

"If they trade me... then they trade me," he said, then added that he would "have to think" about joining a new club.

Still, he didn't close the door completely on that possibility... nor on one that may see him rejoin the Cougars if he can settle his differences with Ginnell.

By the same token, Ginnell, who hasn't talked to Lucas

since his departure, admitted there is a chance the player might rejoin the Cougars "if I can't trade him."

Not every WCHL club is jumping at the chance to obtain Lucas, who, as a 16-year-old, scored 37 goals for Victoria last season. He had 20 goals and 24 assists in 31 games this season.

Ginnell said New Westminster coach Ernie McLean "isn't interested" in dealing for Lucas. The statement was supported by a New Westminster source which added McLean feels "if Lucas has left Victoria, what's to prevent him from leaving me?"

Ginnell tried to deal with Winnipeg, primarily to secure the services of Kevin McCarthy, but the Clubs weren't anxious to part with their all-star defenceman.

Brandon Wheat Kings also failed to show interest in bidding for Lucas.

Edmonton is one club that has been interested. Ginnell revealed he "almost had a deal settled" on Boxing Day but the Oil Kings refused to part with Paul Mulvey, a six-foot-three winger the Victoria coach is known to covet.

Doug Lecuyer is another Edmonton player who had been considered in a deal with Victoria.

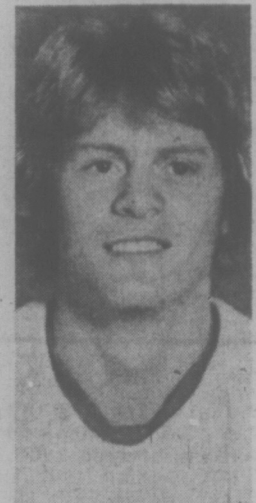
Any trade, however, will have to be confirmed only after Lucas agrees to report to Edmonton.

Shaw was to have talked to Lucas and his father Monday night. Ginnell, in turn, was waiting this morning to hear from Shaw.

BRIEFLY: Cougar centre Dennis Fenske, who missed Saturday's game because of holiday travel complications, returned to Victoria Sunday... Ginnell juggled his first two lines in practice Monday... He moved Curt Fraser to a line with Jim Gustafson and Rick Durston and placed Jeff McDill with Mike Will and Al

Hill... They'll start that way Thursday against New Westminster...

Goaltender Gerry Simpson, sent home by Ginnell several days ago for disciplinary reasons, has been released to Regina Pats... The deal: "I told Regina that they can send me a snowball," said Ginnell... Also on the move are defencemen Grant Shmyr and Leroy Heck... The 16-year-old Heck is being returned to Nanaimo Clippers of the B.C. Junior League while Shmyr will rejoin his former club in the Pacific Coast Junior League... That still leaves Cougars with five defencemen...



DAN LUCAS
... can veto trade

bill walker

Alas, Another Sad Day In International Hockey

The weekend in review and don't say it wasn't embarrassing to sit back and watch what the Russian Red Army team was doing to the New York Rangers via the wide screen on Sunday.

There was little doubt that the two clubs didn't belong in the same league, at least this day, even though the Rangers did outshoot the visitors.

And even Harry Sinden, who had coached the Canadian team in the first world ice hockey confrontation, grudgingly admitted that the Russians were much superior.

If there was a main difference between the clubs, it was probably the ruthless desire of the Soviets that provided the spark the Rangers couldn't match. Phil Esposito said it sadly for the Rangers when he explained that the younger players were amazed at the proficiency of the Red Army team and "couldn't get up for the game."

That was the same story, remember, when the Soviet National team played in Montreal in 1972. They gave the Canadians an early lead and then roared back to literally skate them into the ice.

There was the argument then that the Canadians, because it was summer, the off-season, weren't in shape while the Russians were. This was proven partially correct later on as Canada did rally late in the eighth and final game of that series to retain for Canada what prestige it had zealously guarded for so many years. That it was No. 1.

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Granted the World Hockey Association series five years later wasn't in the same classic department. Still, there wasn't that much to choose, except to suggest the Russians hadn't lost any ground in their bid for true supremacy in the sport. And when this club-vs-club series was instituted, it was felt a truer picture would be painted as to the comparative talents of the two countries.

Well, the Russians got the first jump, but what really did they beat? That's the question that everyone hopes will have a decent answer by the time the eight games have concluded. The Rangers of 1975 aren't the Rangers of the past by a long shot. Besides, the Rangers wouldn't have beaten many other NHL clubs on Sunday.

So now the Red Army goes on against the Montreal Canadiens at Montreal on New Year's Eve. That should be a lulu, especially now that the Soviets have tasted first blood; and it should be a wide-open pleasant affair to watch, if both clubs stick to their regular styles.

And as Montreal is No. 1 in the entire NHL and has the best goals-against record, the Soviets will be severely tested. That much seems certain. After that, of course the Red Army club meets Boston and Philadelphia, and it should surprise no one, particularly this observer, if that final game between the Red Army and Philadelphia will decide world supremacy again.

The winner? After what happened at New York on Sunday, there's the small matter of pride and prestige that should take over, whether you spell it Boston, Philadelphia, Montreal, or all three. Certainly none can be as poor as were the Rangers.

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Otherwise, the Dallas win over Minnesota in football, wasn't that big a shocker. Actually the Cowboys were the better club on the day's lay and would have had the right to feel cheated if they had lost. They outplayed the Vikings most of the way, and even though the final touchdown came on a disputed play with defender and receiver appearing equally guilty, which is probably the way the official saw it. Now it's on to Los Angeles for the Cowboys, who may be in better physical condition than the Rams for the National Football conference final. But whether they can get past the awesome Los Angeles defense is the real question.

The Rams look much the best, but don't discount the Cowboys, especially if they can score early. The Rams like it better when they play on top. And they do that awfully well.

As to the other game, Pittsburgh is a six-point pick, but the Oakland Raiders may give the Steelers as much trouble as they want. Maybe more. Tab this one as an upset possibility. The Raiders beat a good Cincinnati team Sunday and they did it without Fred Biletnikoff. If the best pass-catcher in the NFL plays in the AFC final, he could be the small margin of difference. Remember, you read it here first.

Penguins Learn Lesson Too Late



CRUSHED IN CREASE is Penguin winger Jean Pronovost, who is squeezed against post by Russian goaltender Alexandr Sidelinikov after being bounced to ice by defenceman

Igor Lapin (left) of Soviet Wings during hockey game Monday night in Pittsburgh. Penguins were also crushed in opening period by fast-skating Soviets and were beaten 7-4.

Car-Top Training Helps Daredevil Canadian Skiers

PARIS (Reuter) — The traditional supremacy of Austria, France and Switzerland on the world Alpine skiing circuit is under serious attack.

At a time when talent appears to be spread more evenly than ever before, traditionally weak nations like Canada, West Germany, Sweden and Norway are launching a major assault on this season's top events.

The leveling out is nowhere clearer than in the men's World Cup, where the first seven events have produced seven different winners.

A year ago only three men — Italian Piero Geros, Austrian Franz Klammer and Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden — had victories after the first 12 events.

Of these three only Stenmark has lived up to his reputation and he leads the World Cup standings with 66 points — 21 more than at the same time a year ago.

Nowhere have times changed more than in the men's downhill, where daredevil Canadians have proved more than a match for a sadly off-form Klammer, winner of eight out of last season's nine downhill.

The Canadians have developed a unique training technique. They strap their skis

on top of a car, strap themselves on to their skis and then get someone to drive fast down a mountain road.

Their sense of balance at high speed was very clear in the last downhill of 1975 in Schladming, on a frighteningly fast run which ends in a near vertical wall.

Dave Irwin, like Ken Read earlier in Val d'Isere, France, came through with an acrobatic run to win and rub home how dangerous the five-man Canadian team will be in February's Olympic downhill in Innsbruck.

They have a team of five good skiers who control their skis perfectly and are fired by the same nerve and determination as the Austrians had three years ago.

Every one of them is convinced he can win and puts everything he has into going just that little bit faster. Austrian trainer Toni Sailer said after the Schladming race.

Russia Leading Junior Tourney

TURKU, Finland (Reuter)

The Soviet Union beat Sweden 5-2 Monday to take the lead in the world junior hockey tournament with a 2-0 won-loss record.

Canada, represented by Sherbrooke Beavers, has a 1-1 record along with Sweden and Czechoslovakia. Finland is at the bottom of the standings with an 0-2 record.

PITTSBURGH (CP) — Pittsburgh Penguins can take heart in their 7-4 loss to the visiting Soviet Wings on Monday night.

"They learn quick," said Boris Kulagin, the stoic coach of the Wings, who also directs the Soviet Union's national hockey team. "They also must have had some instructions from their coach after the first period."

The Wings almost blew the National Hockey League Penguins out on to nearby Centre Avenue in the first period, toying with their opposition and skating casually to a 4-0 lead.

It was an entirely different Penguin club that came out for the last two periods, skating with the Russians, giving them bump for bump and taking the play into the Wings' zone.

"I'd give anything to play them again tomorrow night," said Marc Boileau, the frustrated Penguins coach, while explaining his team's game plan.

"I don't know what happened to our guys in the first period," he said. "They were just out there skating around."

The Pittsburgh strategy had been to skate with the Russian players hoping to slow them down with close checking.

"Gee, we had three guys in taking one of their men out of the play and they were coming at us three-on-two and two-on-one," said Boileau.

Yuri Liapkin, the outstanding Russian national defenceman, was easily the best man on the ice at the Civic Centre before a less-than-capacity crowd of 13,218.

He scored two goals and drew two assists while controlling the play.

Vladimir Anisimov, Victor Schalimov, Aleksandr Yakushev, Vladimir Shadrin and Vladimir Repnev were the other Russian marksmen.

Pierre Larouche got the Penguins on the scoreboard in the second period after the Russians had opened a 5-0 lead. Ron Schock, Barry Wilkins and Lew Morrison were the other Pittsburgh scorers.

Kulagin was happy to explain the sudden turn of events that enabled Pittsburgh to outscore his Wings

WINGS 7, PITTSBURGH 4

First Period
1. Wings, Anisimov (Boileau) 1:45.
2. Wings, Liapkin (Shadrin, Schalimov) 3:23.

3. Wings, Shalimov (Lapkin, Turin) 15:25.
4. Wings, Yakushev (Shadrin, Turin) 17:25.

Second Period
5. Wings, Campbell (Poh) 7:12.
6. Wings, Shadrin (Lapkin, Schalimov) 11:25.

7. Pittsburgh, Larouche (Kehoe, Foyell) 13:25.
8. Wings, Repnev (Kapuskin) 14:02.

9. Pittsburgh, Schock (Hadfield, Anisimov) 14:55.
10. Pittsburgh, Wilkins (Pronovost, Gilbertson) 14:57.

Penalties — Stachuk (Poh) 9:40, Yakushev (W) 16:18, Kapustin (W) 17:22, Schock (Poh) 17:22.

Third Period
11. Wings, Liapkin (Schalimov, Shadrin) 0:30.
12. Pittsburgh, Morrison (Hadfield, Schalimov) 1:00.

Penalties — Stachuk (Poh) 9:40, Yakushev (W) 16:18, Kapustin (W) 17:22, Schock (Poh) 17:22.

Shots on goal by: 18 9-12-35
Wings 5 7-18-30
Pittsburgh 5 7-18-30
Plays, Pittsburgh 13, Wings 12.

Economic Consequences Enormous—Kuhn

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball could become chaotic and lose its position as a major sport if stripped of the reserve system, commissioner Bowie Kuhn says.

"The economic consequences to the clubs could be enormous," he said in an interview. "The minor leagues — 140 clubs which provided entertainment for 12 million (people) last season — if not erased completely, could be seriously curtailed."

"I think you could expect bankruptcies, sharp retrenchment of franchises and great dissatisfaction among the players themselves as the money gravitates to the top — to the super stars — at the expense of the majority of players."

The interview marked the

first time Kuhn had addressed himself fully to the decision by arbitrator Peter Seitz last week, rendering pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally free agents because they had played this year without contracts.

"Our basic players' agreement specifies that the reserve clause should not enter into any arbitration of griev-

ances," Kuhn said. "Seitz had no right to rule on an issue of such broad impact on the foundation of the game."

It is on this point — a flaw in the law — on which baseball is basing its appeal before a federal court in Kansas City. The only other grounds on which an arbitration ruling may be reversed is proven bias on the part of the arbitrator.

Baseball fired Seitz immediately after his ruling. The arbitrator insisted that he did not rule on the reserve clause but merely on the issue of a man's right to freedom from no longer bound by contract.

Baseball people argue that a compromise between players and owners could be worked out in the new players' labor contract which

is now in the process of renegotiation.

A three-year contract between the players and owners ends at midnight Wednesday. A new pact must be reached before spring training of next year or a strike is probable.

"I think the Seitz ruling will make it very difficult now for us to reach an agreement," Kuhn said. "The negotiating machinery suddenly has become unbalanced."

"In effect, there is no longer a reserve clause to negotiate. The balance of negotiating power has shifted to the players. I fear problems."

The reserve clause has long been a point of controversy in the game, with some players contending it reduces them to a form of slavery. It has been challenged in the courts and was twice upheld by the United

States Supreme Court — first in 1922 and again 50 years later in the Curt Flood case.

Kuhn, who was a lawyer for baseball before succeeding to the commissioner's post, scorns suggestions that he is too quick to cry wolf.

"If baseball must give up the reserve clause — or at least the spirit of it — the clubs will find themselves in a severe economic bind," he said.

"We already have seen one team (Seattle) go bankrupt. Two others last year were insolvent and had to be bailed out. A large number operated in the red."

Kuhn declined to name the clubs which couldn't pay their bills. It has been reported they were Chicago White Sox, recently sold to a Bill Veeck group, and San Francisco Giants.

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A hold-up farce,
or disaster with
a capital D ...
take your pick

The Hindenburg, a big-budget disaster epic, or Dog Day Afternoon, a small but well-made farcical drama about a bank robbery — two movies to consider during the holidays.

Dog Day Afternoon — a wonderful title for a movie — is Sidney Lumet's film about a bank robbery and attempted hijacking. The story is based on a magazine article by Thomas Moore and P. F. Kluge which reconstructed the actual events of a bank robbery on Aug. 22, 1972, at the First Brooklyn Savings Bank.

In 97-degree heat, two horribly inept thieves robbed the neighborhood bank of \$1,100 and planned to make a quick getaway, but instead found themselves surrounded by 450 police, armed and itching to shoot.

Al Pacino plays Sonny, the robber with the scheme, and he's very good — a baby-faced holdup man, teetering on the edge of craziness. Sonny is a homosexual, he's married to a large, hysterical woman, and to a young man named Leon. His partner, Sal, played by John Cazale, is a brooding man with a huge forehead and a tiny chin. He watches Sonny intently, as if taking lessons on how to stay cool, and he tries hard to be nonchalant, but mostly he looks terrified and uncertain of Sonny's plans.

The robbery, which becomes a little like a complicated gift exchange between two warring tribes, involves the thieves, six female bank tellers, a doughy manager, an asthmatic bank guard, a good-hearted police officer and a tough FBI agent. Inside the bank the holdup men and the hostages watch themselves on television; outside the bank, the crowds listen to themselves on portable radios and demonstrate their support for Sonny in front of the news cameras, and this is one of the film's intellectual points: behavior is dictated by being publicly reported.

In this movie the actions of Sonny, the cops and the on-

lookers behind the police barricades are affected over and over by the publicity. They are all hyped-up by the hovering news helicopters, the barrage of news flashes, the reporters. Their actions are feverish and yet predictable. Sonny goes so far as to play to the crowd, to cry out "Attica, Attica, Attica" to the demonstrators he knows he has on his side. He is both the media's product and its victim.

Much of the movie is farcical in tone. The robbery itself is clumsy and slapstick; courtesies and apologies spilling out of the robbers as they

A Movie Review
By
Nora Hutchison

jam their guns against the hostages' skulls. Many of the scenes are full of comic energy and ingenuity, and the movie does not falter in its pace. There are weak moments — ill-used jokes about homosexuals, an awkward scene with a possessive mother, a few characters who are no more than stereotypes (nice cop, bad cop, etc.) — but they don't distract from the film's solid achievements. Dog Day Afternoon is intelligent and well-made. If at times Lumet forces the farcical element, it's probably because the media has accustomed us to exaggeration of comic proportions, even in high drama.

The newest blockbuster in the action-adventure category is a \$15 million epic detailing the last voyage of the mammoth luxury airship, the Hindenburg, which ended in tragedy when the dirigible exploded over Lakehurst, N.J., on May 6, 1937.

The man behind the camera, Robert Wise, obviously had a great time playing with models of zeppelins because the special effects shots of the dirigible are quite terrific, but in other respects he failed to get his movie off the ground. It's stodgy, slow-moving, and humorless when a satiric tone is a requisite element of the genre.

From the start, we can see that it's going to follow its predecessors, all down the line. There's a large cast, headed by George C. Scott, and they don't have to do much more than look excited, bemused, frightened or irritated until the last 15 minutes. The dialogue is basic bone-head stuff, tinged with politics — the passengers remind each other of how glad they are to leave Germany, and the crew continually swears allegiance to the Fatherland.

RHODESIAN OFF TO ROW ATLANTIC

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — Sgt. John Hornby set off from the South African coast to row across the Atlantic despite warnings from South African officials, his wife said today.

"Someone phoned me on Christmas Day from Cape Town to say he had left the previous day, and that is all I know," said Mrs. Hornby.

She said her 32-year-old husband told her he expected the crossing to Rio de Janeiro, a distance of 3,291 miles, to take about 10 weeks.

The South African department of immigration said it will prosecute the Rhodesian army sergeant if he returns to South Africa because he left without going through normal departure formalities.

When Hornby announced in October that he was planning the solo crossing and had been preparing for it for a year, Cape Town port authorities and South African immigration officials said they would prevent his setting out from their shores.

Informed sources said he shoved off in his 20-foot Nova Scotia dory Independence from a lonely beach at Ysterfontein, about 60 miles north of Cape Town.

It is Hornby's second attempt at transoceanic rowing. In 1970 he attempted a 3,000-mile Pacific crossing from Japan to Canada.

He was subsequently caught in the aftermath of a big Peruvian earthquake and after being buffeted by heavy seas for 27 days gave up.

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Profile of a Killer

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His assets are a considerable knowledge of weapons and explosives, parachute jumping, killing and the ability to train others to do them well.

He says his faults are a bad temper and a lot of hate. But hate helps in his work.

"I guess it was the way I was brought up," he said. "I'm Mexican-American, from a small town in Wyoming. There was a lot of prejudice. I went in the army early."

Rangel spent 9½ years in the army, more than 33 months in Vietnam. Two days after he left the army, he signed on to go to Africa as a mercenary.

He also worked in Jordan training the El Fatah.

He once signed up with Israel and fought in the Sinai. "They didn't want to pay me enough and I went to work for the Arabs."

"I used to get paid by the head. I learned that in Vietnam."

That means, he said you bring back evidence of the kill from night sorties into enemy territory.

"Bring back a hand and get paid on the spot. Sometimes we would bring back two hands and use the other one later. But they got wise to that."

Why does he do it? "I'll do it until I get all this hate out of me, I guess. I fight a lot. I can't control my temper."

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to go back and see the blood. Still got to stay loose. "All my life I was taught if you want something, go fight for it. I've fought for everything I had."

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Euell Gibbons Dies



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SUNBURY, Pa. — Euell Gibbons, 64, an author and naturalist who praised the virtues of eating wild nuts and berries and became a folk hero among natural food lovers, died Monday night. His wife, said he died of a heart attack. Gibbons had developed an ulcer in 1974. However, he said at the time it wasn't from anything he ate but from aspirins he took for arthritis.

LOS ANGELES — Mickey Spillane, best-selling detective-story writer, was sued for divorce Monday by his actress wife, Sherri. Mrs. Spillane, who appeared nude on the cover of her husband's recent novel *The Execution Set*, cited irreconcilable differences. She is 34; he is 57.

TEL AVIV — Mandy Rice-Davies, a key figure in the Profumo scandal which shocked the British government in 1963, has begun a new career on the Israeli stage.

Miss Rice-Davies, 30, is attracting good notices for her performances in *Who's Afraid of Marriage?*, a Hebrew adaptation of the stage hit *The Marriage-Go-Round*. Miss Rice-Davies came to Israel 10 years ago.

SANTIAGO, Chile — Dr. Sheila Cassidy, a British physician held by Chile's military government since Nov. 1, was released and expelled from the country Monday. Miss Cassidy, 38, had been accused of treating a wounded leftist guerrilla leader and of sheltering other anti-government fugitives but was never formally charged.

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Finance Minister Jack Sharpe was sworn in Monday as prime minister following the resignation earlier in the day of Sir Edward Richards, the British colony's first black premier. Sharpe, 54, a leading white merchant, was chosen by the governing United Bermuda Party to lead it into a general election anticipated early in the summer.

WASHINGTON — The body of CIA station chief Richard Welch arrived from Greece today aboard a U.S. Air Force plane met by CIA Director William Colby, President Ford's chief counsel and the slain agent's weeping daughter.

CHICAGO — The United States justice department has dropped a narcotics investigation of Hugh Hefner, publisher of *Playboy* magazine, because of insufficient evidence. Hefner had no immediate comment on the decision.

WIZARD THEFT

BANNER ELK, N.C. — A dress worn by Judy Garland in the motion picture *The Wizard of Oz* is among several items stolen from the Land of Oz amusement park.

Police are investigating the possibility the thefts might be linked to a fire which heavily damaged a theatre early Sunday and a gift shop at the mountain-top amusement park.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE

A 40-year-old Victoria man was sent to jail for 30 days Monday for stealing a car from Brian Holley Motors, 3319 Douglas.

Clifford Horncastle, 525 Johnson, pleaded guilty to theft over \$200 and was sentenced by Judge D. K. McAdam.

Provincial court was told Horncastle pushed a \$5,300 convertible away from the car dealer. It was found less than 100 yards away at a service station with Horncastle attempting to start the engine.

Bonnie Marie Locke, 17, of 401 Dundas, will have to pay back \$546.66 she obtained by using another person's credit card 47 times earlier this year.

Locke, who pleaded guilty to theft, was given a suspended sentence and placed on probation for a year in addition to the restitution order.

Judge McAdam said it wasn't just a matter of paying back the money but of using a credit card for her own advantage.

Court was told earlier she had worked as a service station cashier and picked up a credit card left behind by a Seattle man.

Mark Graham Murray, 26, of 1645 Oak Bay Avenue, pleaded not guilty and elected trial by magistrate on a charge of being an accessory to the escape of two Wilkinson Road inmates Dec. 15. Trial date was set for April 15.

Kenneth Moorhouse, 28, accused of escaping from Wilkinson Road jail Dec. 16, elected trial by judge and jury. He was remanded to Jan. 5 to fix a date for the preliminary hearing.

Kenneth Ross Davis, 24, of 525 Johnson, who told police he's been a glue-sniffer since he was 10, was remanded to Wednesday for medical examination after pleading guilty to common assault.

Prosecutor Nicholas Lang said Davis approached a 20-year-old woman in Beacon Hill Park Sunday and said he wanted to take her hand and asked if she wanted to go for a walk.

He kept pulling a cellophane bag over his head and breath-

ing. He grabbed her, she ran away, flagged a passing motorist and called police.

Lang said the cellophane bag appeared to contain glue.

Legal Aid duty counsel John Stowell said Davis has a "very vague" recollection of what happened and has "very little control over himself" when sniffing glue.

Kevin Ion Beville Weaver, 28, of 1743 Townley, waived preliminary hearing and was committed for higher court trial by judge alone on a charge of possession of hashish for the purpose of trafficking.

The Crown called no evidence on a charge of importing hashish into Canada Aug. 4 to 12 and Weaver was discharged.

In traffic court, fines of \$375 were handed out against William Herbert Bradshaw, 3455 Bethune, Surinder Singh Sandhu, 794 Daisy, and Peter George Kennedy, HMCS MacKenzie, for impaired driving. Leonard Patrick Tyson, 1523 Pearl, was fined \$350 for impaired driving.



FEEDING TIME for gaggle of Canada geese comes with arrival of Marwood Snowden, who visits same spot on shore of Lake Ontario at Toronto each day to help his feathered friends survive the winter.

Oral Pill Halted

MONTREAL (CP) — Bristol-Meyers Pharmaceutical Group of Canada has stopped producing Oracon, oral contraceptives at its Candiac, Que., laboratory following discussions with federal health officials, a company spokesman said today.

Mike Burnett, who oversees regulatory affairs for the laboratory, said production of the pill was discontinued because hormone levels in the pill could not be lowered without reducing its effectiveness. A lower hormone level reduces adverse side effects.

There had been no complaints from consumers of adverse side effects or effectiveness of the pill, he said, although federal officials had requested the hormone level be reduced.

The same pill, which had been produced in Canada for 12 years, is under study by American health authorities, he said.

New Ice Age A Snow Job?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. government environmentalists said Monday snow and ice cover in the United States and Canada did not change significantly in the past nine years, indicating scientists who project a new ice age may be all wet.

"Snow cover is an important, sensitive variable which influences changes in climate," environmentalists Donald Wisnet and Michael Watson said.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has taken satellite pictures of snow and ice cover in the world's northern hemisphere since 1966, and after comparing photographs over the years, NOAA environmentalists Wisnet and Matson said they noted little change.

They said snow and ice cover on the earth's surface would begin to spread, if another ice age is beginning.

Matson and Wisnet said the NOAA photographs showed "no significant" differences in snow cover in North America, and the Eurasian snow cover expanded and retracted yearly. Eurasia experienced its widest spread of snow and ice cover in the winters of 1971 and 1972, but receded in the next two winters, they said.

"The lack of systematic increase in the northern hemisphere snow cover tends to contradict the evidence pre-

sented by some proponents of climatic change that the current climate is changing adversely with attendant cool hemisphere temperatures and harsh winters," Wisnet and Matson said in an analysis published in NOAA technical memorandum number 74.

Some environmentalists project cooling temperatures in Canada and the northern United States. Changes of only a few degrees would sharply reduce wheat crops in Montana and certain production in the upper reaches of the U.S. farm belt that feeds Americans and much of the world.

Most scientists agree an ice age can occur if the mean temperature drops by a few degrees. A new ice age would not lead to glaciers and year-round snow, but it would expand the polar ice cap in the

northern hemisphere and reduce the season favorable for crops.

This would reduce food production and increase demand for heating fuel.

CASES LINGER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States justice department is still considering almost 2,000 cases involving Vietnam war deserters and draft evaders who applied to the presidential clemency board before it shut down.

It has been more than three months since the clemency board was disbanded and President Ford ordered the department to tie up loose ends except for the job program administered by selective service.

'BIG BROTHER' WARNING

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Labor Congress (CLC) says the government's anti-inflation program, "far from improving economic conditions... actually threatens to slow the potential growth rate of the economy and create higher unemployment."

President Joe Morris, in a year-end statement released Monday, says the creation of government regulatory boards poses an even greater danger for Canadians.

"By handing the government and its appointed boards the power to dictate their future, Canadians may well have taken the first step toward the creation of a controlled society... this Orwellian nightmare happen. We must not relinquish our hard-won rights, freedoms and traditions to a 1984-type big brother."

Morris predicted the price of food, housing and energy will continue to rise in 1976 because of confusion, among investors about new government regulations.

E. G. Burton, president of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto, Monday accused Prime Minister Trudeau of perverting his anti-inflation campaign "to further his own socialistic goals."

Burton said that the Canadian business community reluctantly accepted the federal

government's selective wage and price controls "because we were all facing a common enemy — inflation."

He said, however, the program has broadened into a redistribution of wealth which has alarmed businessmen.

"If that's what he intends to do, well, he's leading the government," Burton said. "But he misled a lot of people about his intentions."

Trudeau said during the weekend that Canadian values, habits and institutions will be transformed by the government's anti-inflation program.

The prime minister said there is no way that the free market system can be made to work now or when the anti-inflation program ends.

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He attacked board decisions that rejected settlements for the postal workers and for paperworkers in the Maritimes as "unfair, impractical and arrogant."

The CLC president predicted there will be many more similar decisions.

The board's regulations, published Dec. 18, "are so complicated that almost ev-

eryone agrees it is impossible to get a uniform interpretation of them."

As a result, anyone called before the board will be at the mercy of those who have drafted and who will administer the regulations," he said.

However, Morris concluded that Canadians are fortunate compared with citizens of many other countries.

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

ZONING BY-LAW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem themselves affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard before the Municipal Council on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 1620 Mills Road, on Monday, January 5th, 1976, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

By-law No. 209, a By-law authorizing the district of North Saanich and the Pentacostal Assemblies of Canada to enter into a Land Use Contract to permit the church, known as the "Assembly of God," at 9182 East Saanich Road, R.R. No. 2, Sidney, B.C., to be used as an Art Gallery and Art Exhibition building.

The proposed By-law may be inspected at the Municipal office on any weekday except Saturday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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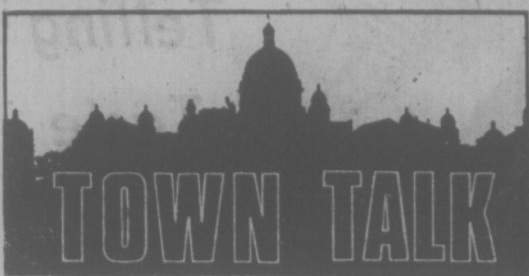
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Hudson's Bay Company



Season's greetings to two Bay Street residents who were celebrating early this morning as rush-hour traffic drove by their apartment.

They were out on the balcony in stocking feet, bottles of beer in their hands, toasting passersby with swallows of ale. A late Boxing Day celebration or an early New Year's Eve party, fellows?

Promises, promises, promises... election promises have a history of being forgotten once the ballots are cast.

But Saanich alderman Joe Bourque showed Monday he intends to keep one of his—to do more of the people's business in public.

The Times, checking on a special meeting of council called Monday to establish what will be done if the municipality's firemen keep their threat to refuse to do ambulance service, was told by a municipal official it would be in-camera because it involved personnel.

Bourque, chairman of the fire committee, was contacted. Bourque moved. The meeting was held in public although only the Times and one unsuccessful alderman candidate attended.

For \$1 local junior hockey fans can buy a Cougar souvenir program that, among other things, offers best wishes from Dave Barrett, who signs himself premier of British Columbia.

It also contains greetings from Peter Pollen who signs himself mayor of Victoria, which is quite correct—at least for this week.

The programs, prepared last summer, will continue to be sold until spring, complete with greetings from the non-preffler Barrett and the soon-to-be non-mayor Pollen.

The play, *Equus*, has been a skittish horse so far as city lawyer Robert Price and the McPherson Playhouse is concerned.

After several approaches it has finally galloped off over the horizon and won't be seen there this season.

Various difficulties—a mandatory 50 per cent ration of equity actors, refusal of a work permit for a British National Theatre actor who was to have played the lead, among other problems—caused cancellation of the *Peter Shaffer* play scheduled to open Jan. 7.

In the meantime Price is left with the forfeit of his 50 per cent deposit on a week's rental of the McPherson.

Problems, problems... and they're all relative.

When for some reason our regular copy of the Times doesn't appear on the doorstep it's a fair bet that the explanation is a simple one: the carrier overslept, fell off his bike and hurt his leg, that sort of thing.

But spare a thought for one of our far-flung subscribers, a gentleman in Beirut, Lebanon, who last September ordered a year's subscription to the Times' Saturday edition—and hasn't received a single copy since.

"Unfortunately the civil war in Lebanon paralysed all postal services since several months and I did not receive any copy up to now," he writes.

But that's only for starters, for our man in Beirut adds: "My hotel and restaurant were set afire by Nasserite leftists and burned out completely. Therefore I changed my residence temporarily to..."

We'd better not mention the address, for fear that those sneaky leftists will somehow stop the Times getting through!

A community plan for View Royal came before the regional board recently and the plan contains a preamble which touches on the community's history, even its drinking habits.

There's mention, for example, of a freshwater spring near Peasborough Road which is still flowing. It slaked the thirst of Spanish sailors almost two centuries ago.

"Four Mile House and Six Mile House also represent two significant historic landmarks in View Royal," the plan's preamble says. "It is said that many business and professional people took the 40-minute drive by horse-drawn cart to the Four Mile Inn because of its late-hour rendezvous attraction."

Forty minutes in a cart? How thirsty can you get?

An American professor has invented a committee game which, Town Talk confidently predicts, will be a big hit in this committee-minded city.

Halas E. Jackim, professor of education at the State University of New York college at Oswego, says the prime purpose of a committee is: "To prevent the development of significant decisions; to delay or diffuse an issue by making it unrecognizable."

As far as etiquette is concerned, the thing to remember is to "show disgust for any act aimed at achieving a speedy discharge of a committee's mission."

Any number from five to 15 may play the committee game. The greater the number, the more confusion.

Some excerpts from the Jackim scoring system:

Five points for forgetting an earlier decision and bringing it up for renewed discussion.

Five points for telling the group it has a communication problem.

Five points for taking twice as long as needed to say something.

Ten points for throwing in a new term, preferably from a foreign language.

Ten points for injecting a totally irrelevant issue.

Fifteen points for phrasing a statement in such a way that a player opposed to it fails to recognize it and votes for it.

Twenty-five points for wearing down the opposition to the point where it will vote for anything simply to adjourn the meeting.

Jackim says players can be disqualified if they persist in trying to clarify the committee's goals.

There's not a committee we know in Greater Victoria—municipal, the arts, what-have-you—that wouldn't score consistently high marks.



TOQUE TYPES pictured today on downtown streets are among hordes of southern Vancouver Islanders who chose knitted head-huggers for protection from blasts of winter. Local merchants re-

port-heavy sales of woollen headgear with some stores sold out. Big favorites are imported variety from Scotland. Canadian origin of the toque seems to stem from the French culture. Shown here from

left are Mike Sickels, wee Philip Caouette, whose baby cap qualifies as toque fashion; Fleming Jorgensen and Jane McDonald. They're all sold on toques. (Bill Halkett photo)

Sidney Awaits Gov't Nod

The addition to Sidney's town hall is nearing completion, but the use of one of its floors remains up in the air, waiting for a decision by the provincial government.

The bottom floor of the addition, expected to be completed in early March, is reserved for court facilities which were moved from Sidney to Victoria earlier this year.

The town was told at the time that its facilities were inadequate, but that if the facilities were improved, the courts might be moved back.

A spokesman in Attorney-General Gardom's office, however, said the new minister is not going to make any decisions on the Saanich Peninsula courts for some time.

Until the court needs are known, construction of the ground floor is being slowed.

The two-storey wing is being added to the rear of the town hall at 2440 Sider Ave. and the upper storey will house new offices for the mayor and town clerk and an extra committee room.

Ferry Officials Ending Careers

Three of the B.C. Ferries' top men are retiring, two this week and one in early January.

All three have been with the service since it was formed in 1959.

They are Monty Aldous of 2920 Cook, Bill Weston of 2004 Rumymede, and Bob Innes of 773 Island Road.

Aldous was general manager from 1959 to 1973 when he became a labor consultant for the ferry service. He retired Dec. 20.

Bill Weston, who is taking early retirement because of poor health, retired as operations manager on Saturday.

Innes, 61, joined the sales section of the ferry service in 1959 and has been traffic manager since 1966. He retires Jan. 15.

He will be succeeded by Ken Stratford, who has been director of information at the B.C. Ferries' Vancouver office since 1968. Stratford takes

up his new position in Victoria on Jan. 15.

Prior to joining B.C. Ferries, Stratford spent 11 years in the airline field, working for Japan Airlines in Europe for five years and the next six years for B.C. Airlines.

Weston's position is now being advertised but there are no plans to replace Aldous.

"The changes are purely coincidental as far as the timing (change-over in the provincial government) is concerned," a ferry spokesman said Monday. "Mr. Aldous and Mr. Innes were planning their retirement two years ago."

The spokesman said when B.C. Ferries celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1970, 89 of the original ferry workers were still on staff. This group formed the 89ers Club at that time.

Aldous holds membership card No. 1, Weston, No. 3, and Innes, No. 7.

So You Think Jobs Aren't Hard to Get?

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cation forms contained a number of surprises and interesting insights as well.

A young woman said she was kept busy by her previous employer "keeping two complete sets of books" for the company.

Another applicant said she was "laid off" her last job. This was verified by a written reference from her previous employer who said she was "laid off."

One volunteered: "I have no criminal record." "Present employer—UIC," appeared on a young man's form.

One quit the last job because "the company I worked for kept issuing NSF checks."

Getting a reference isn't always easy. "Reference moved," wrote one job-seeker. "Now bankrupt," wrote two beside their former employers.

A few applicants had previous newspaper experience

ranging from the London Daily Mirror to the Georgia Straight.

A retired Australian policeman sought the job as did a graduate from an exclusive girls school whose work experience consisted of "assistant relief light keeper Race Rocks."

One applicant said she had served "nine years as a Brownie."

Many applicants could speak several languages, besides English, including French, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish and Filipino.

The winner? She's Carol Speller, 18, a graduate of Spectrum High School, who hopes to go to university next year, possibly in the late afternoon after work.

Some day, she says, she hopes to go into criminology and perhaps specialize in probation work.

In the meantime... "Hey, you!"

125 Tried
To Get
Junior
Position
In Times
Newsroom
And 25
Boasted
Degrees

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

When the Times advertised for a copyboy or girl this month we were flooded with 125 applicants for the single position.

There were 25 applications from people with university degrees and another 21 had at least some university education. A total of 105 of the 125 were unemployed and six others had only part-time work.

The response was surprising and overwhelming.

A copyperson is traditionally the lowest on the newsroom totem pole. Tasks include filling glue pots, sorting the mail, bringing coffee to the troops, wirephoto maintenance, sorting comics and writing meeting notices. It is not your glamor job.

In normal times, the only interested people are youngsters who hope to become journalists or other young people not quite sure what they want to do.

The ideal person would be about 18, fast on his feet, bright and quick to respond to

shouts of "boy," "copy" or "hey, you!"

Among the 125 applicants, one was 45, another was 50, another was 60 and yet another was 62.

The youngest was 16. Only 18 of the applicants had less than high school education.

There were 18 married people who applied for the job. And 93 of the 125 applicants were female.

(Stan Purdy, Victoria region manager for Canada Manpower, said the Times experience has been matched by a number of other employers in the city.)

(He said the pool of unemployment continues to be high in Victoria with many people obviously reluctant to leave the city for jobs in Edmonton, Calgary or even Vancouver. He said they express a strong preference to find any suitable job in Victoria rather than move.)

The comments on the appli-

Senseless Defensive Medicine

By DR. WILLIAM J. WELCH
Perhaps you have heard about "defensive" medicine, which is the term used to describe excessive tests and expensive studies that are being

ordered by doctors these days in order to avoid being wrong by hindsight. I thought you might be interested in an example of one of the many ways such senseless and costly defensive medicine comes about.

A few months ago a vigorous, unretired, hard-working, six-foot, 80-year-old man barreled into a consultant's office. At his elbow, his wife was twittering her concern as he coughed and wheezed and begged that something be done to stop "this damn cough."

He had recovered from a heart attack six years before. Although he had taken digitalis regularly since then, his doctor had stopped the medication a few weeks before his visit to the consulting doctor's office because his already abnormal electrocardiogram suggested that his system was overloaded with the drug.

His cough and discomfort turned out to be the result of acute bronchitis, which cleared with antibiotics.

He continued to do well without starting again on digitalis. His electrocardiogram, although abnormal, remained stable and unchanged.

As is so often the case at



Welch
Medical Report

his age, the man's prostate was enlarged and caused difficulty with urination. He was impatient with doctors and preferred to ignore his symptoms, until one Sunday night when he called and ruefully acknowledged that he was unable to pass his urine. His bladder was empty that night and x-rays revealed an enlarged prostate, which would require surgery.

Twenty-four hours before he was to be operated on, his preoperative electrocardiogram found its way into his hospital record. It was quite rightly described as abnormal and, with appropriate caution on the part of the electrocardiographer, serial records (repeated electrocardiograms each day for several days) were requested.

The electrocardiogram was entirely as it had been six weeks before. The patient had no signs or symptoms of dif-

ficulty with his heart.

Delaying surgery and making daily electrocardiograms would add materially to the cost of hospitalization, quite apart from the additional cost of added days in the hospital.

He really does not need to add \$500 to \$600 to his bill, agreed the surgeon and his physician in their first consultation.

But the authoritative concern of a qualified electrocardiographer was on the record. If they chose to ignore the cautionary request for several days of observation and something were to go wrong, as it always can, no matter what they said in justification, the doctors on the case would be regarded as remiss and subject to criticism or worse: a lawsuit.

As one of them put it, he could fairly hear the ominous wrong "on the record" is as tone of the prosecuting attorney: "Now, doctor, is it or is

it not a fact that a qualified cardiologist requested further study of this patient? Do you customarily ignore the advice of qualified consultants, doctor?"

The unfortunate, not to say costly, intrusion of such apprehensions is at the heart of what has come to be called defensive medicine, which, in a word, means leaning over backwards in order not to fall on your face, more specifically, into a malpractice suit.

In this case, even though it was only to satisfy the demands of a record — electrocardiograms were done each day for three days, blood studies were also done daily, and the record was thoroughly documented.

Everybody was "covered." And the whole of it represented a needless expenditure of time and money.

Such costly denials of common sense multiplied by thousands of cases each day are the inevitable fruits of defensive medicine.

All of us confess that we are chagrined at falling into such a senseless trap, but today the appearance of being wrong "on the record" is as dangerous as wrong-doing itself.



Overmatched

He may not have a match, but Ken Dunn, 18, of Sarnia has 1,794 matchbook covers. He started collecting them nine years ago and now has examples from all over the world. He says he has never paid a cent for any of them.

Artificial Skin Passing Tests

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UPI) — Researchers say preliminary tests on a new material to replace damaged skin and veins are encouraging.

"People have been trying to find a replacement for skin since 1500 B.C.," when they tried covering burns with fresh meat and honey," said Dr. Ioannis Yannas, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Yannas said the new material has been applied successfully on guinea pigs, but will need more testing and some problems have to be solved before it can be used on humans. However, Yannas said work in the last three years has taken scientists halfway.

Artificial skin would help those so badly burned they have no skin left to be grafted onto affected areas. They often die of massive heat and fluid loss or infection as a result of uncovered areas.

Surgeons from the Harvard Medical School and mechanical engineers from MIT developed the material. The research was funded by the national institutes of health and the Harvard-MIT program for health sciences and technology.

Researchers said the material is an improvement over previous manmade substances because it was not rejected by the laboratory animals' systems, as most foreign substances were. Another improvement is control by painting.

of the rate at which the substance breaks down.

Because it did not cause clots or react with substances in the blood, the new material has potential as a blood vessel replacement.

The material is a composite of a protein called collagen and carbohydrates known as mucopolysaccharides.

The construction of the material is based on technology developed for missiles and other space-age hardware. Fiber-reinforced materials were the "hot engineering materials of the '60s," according to Yannas.

"We thought we might capitalize on that intellectual investment by using it to understand the mechanics of connective tissue," he said.

Its construction is also based on an MIT discovery, "enzymatic stress relaxation." That find enabled engineers to predict how the substance would have to be structured to last a certain amount of time before being broken down—without the need for experiments on animals.

Prejudice Fighter

EDMONTON (CP) — Artist Marie Perron fights prejudice affecting women in society. A federal field officer at the International Women's Year Secretariat, Mrs. Perron said she met much opposition when she decided to go to university and make her living by painting.

Nazism Led To Discoveries

OTTAWA (CP) — Nazism a lack of money and an interest in science helped lead a young German girl to discover nearly 40 years ago that chemicals can change genes, the parts of cells that control heredity.

Without Dr. Charlotte Auerbach's work scientists might not have discovered such things as the links between cigarette smoking and cancer and between thalidomide and birth defects.

Recognition of the importance of her work has only come recently and she is a little flustered by all the attention.

"What's so interesting about me?" the short, plump geneticist asked newspaper reporters surrounding her at an international genetic conference in Ottawa.

Several geneticists at the meeting said privately that Dr. Auerbach's work should have brought her a Nobel Prize. There was a movement among some at the conference to call the measure of genetic damage caused by chemicals an "Auerbach", but no action was taken.

Dr. Auerbach fled from Germany to England in 1933. She left behind a doctoral thesis she had begun in developmental physiology.

Telling Taste Test

FAIR LAWN, N. J. (NYT) — From the outside it looks just like any other low, sprawling industrial complex, but once inside a strange, undefinable odor greets a visitor like a slap in the face. It's business as usual at Crompton and Knowles.

On any given day the essence of garlic, lemon-lime, bacon, chocolate, cheddar cheese or any number of the 1450 artificial flavors in the company's repertory may drift from the labs in the back through the halls and finally collide in the lobby of the company's flavors and fragrance division here.

On a recent morning a bakery-fresh vanilla-like fragrance may have been among that odorous mishmash because that day the company's voluntary in-house taste panel gathered to judge the flavor of a white cake mix.

Don DeStefano came from purchasing, Anita Hecht and Bill Dougherty came from accounting, Tom Zambelli put down his mechanic's tools and Carole Sagaminac put aside her duties as an executive secretary to join others at the special tasting laboratory. Their chore was to determine whether the chemists and flavor makers were on target or had missed the mark on the cake mix flavor.

Even though chemists can pull apart almost any natural or artificial flavor and create it in a test tube, it seems that there are no scientific instruments that can measure success or failure for the flavorists. In the end it's up to the taste buds.

And not just anybody's taste buds. The tasters are carefully selected.

"We want a cross-section of the consuming public," Herbert Stein, director of flavor creation, explained before the 24 tasters began tasting the cake. "So we don't rule out smokers or drinkers. But we want people with average tastes in food who also happen to be sensitive to the subtle differences in food flavors."

But even if a faster's buds cut the mustard that's not all there is to it. They are put through what could be called a flavor sensitivity training session for the three types of taste tests: one to determine levels of difference and one for judging such attributes as texture and consistency.

Crompton and Knowles does not manufacture the food itself; it makes only the flavors for a variety of canned, frozen, reconstituted and dehydrated beverages, sweets, snacks and other packaged foods, but the tasters test the flavors in the foods they are created for. So a staff of cooks and a dietician turn out the food and beverages to be tasted from a well-acquainted test kitchen.

It was not too long a morning of casual eating, however. The taste panel's procedures and working conditions are as controlled as those for the laboratory flavorists.

The tasting lab, for example, which is a small room furnished with six frosted-window cubicles, was designed so that any potentially influential variables such as light, odor or temperature could be controlled.

For the cake test the lab was odor-free and illuminated with the red spotlights (the red lights blot out small color difference in the cake samples).

The tasters' tools were ready: three paper plates — each with a smidgeon of white cake — a ballot, a pencil and two small cups (one for rinsing and one for spitting).

The job of tasting, it turns out, is not for the gluttonous. As tasty as the white cake may have been, it was no substitute for missed breakfasts. Eating is not part of the test; no swallowing, please.

"Swallowing decreases their sensitivity for the next sample," Stein offered.

For all of the pretest preparation, the entire process for each taster takes only a few minutes. (Taste, spit, rinse, vote and they're out.) But those few minutes of work may determine the taste of next year's bacon-flavored snack or cherry liqueur.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter about Fisher the Poodle: Of course, I believe dogs understand what is being said to them.

Even though we provided a sitter for Ferdinand, our English bulldog, during our absence, he was very much annoyed with up upon our return.

He ignored our warm and friendly greetings, and wouldn't even come near us for days.

Then, my husband finally cornered him and explained in detail that we had to leave him and go to England because we weren't able to find a collar large enough for him here.

It took Ferdinand a long time to buy that story, but

eventually he was wagging his tail and happily rejoined the family — VERA IN NEWPORT.

DEAR VERA: Next time, explain to your English bulldog where you are going and why, and you won't get the cold shoulder on your return.

DEAR ABBY: I am a healthy, active 76-year-old woman, and nobody takes me for a day older than 60. I lost my husband four years ago and have dated many interesting, eligible men since, but I never considered remarrying—until I met Julius.

He is a handsome, 69-year-old southern gentleman-type who was much too proper to go beyond a kiss before marriage.

To cut a long story short, Julius and I were married two months ago, and much to my surprise, I discovered that he didn't know the first thing about satisfying a woman. He had been married twice, so I couldn't understand it.

It doesn't seem possible for a man who kisses promised so much to be so totally inept when it comes to lovemaking. (He's unbelievably selfish.)

Perhaps the bedroom performance shouldn't be so important to a woman my age, but it is.

I pretend that he is a good lover, but he's miserable. How can I let Julius know that he's not satisfying me without hurting his ego? — FRUSTRATED.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: An improved marital relationship is more important than Julius' ego. You do him no favor by pretending satisfaction. If he's able to satisfy himself, he's able to satisfy you. Some honest dialogue can make him more sensitive to your needs. You can be effective without being cruel. Start talking.

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A young lady's or a young man's bedroom usually serves several purposes. It's a place to study or to relax, to entertain friends or to retreat to for silence.

The 32-page booklet "How to Redecorate Your Room" ("Comment Decorer Votre Chambre a Coucher") is packed with helpful information on how to create a new look for a room, without spending much money.

The first advice is to get a clear mental picture of what one wants to achieve. Many decorating decisions will of course depend on the furnishings which are already there. List every piece of furniture and then make a note of what you want to repaint and what should be discarded.

You will find ideas for four different tastes: traditional, modern, natural and eclectic.

For instance, a traditionalist may like to scout through junk shops in search of an old rocking chair or an unusual lamp.

A modernist might want a bedcover made of plastic material and continue the fabric up the wall above the bed to imitate a headboard.

Those with a tendency towards the natural may want to include lots of plants in their decorating scheme.

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Fighting Between Spouses May Save the Marriage

CHICAGO (UPI) — Fights between spouses are good for a marriage and could save the couple from divorce, a marital therapist says.

Dr. Taylor Segraves, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Chicago and co-director of the university's sex and marital therapy clinic, said he recommends fighting particularly to a couple who are "cautious and nice" to each other.

Many couples will let little things that bother them build up until there is "a huge fight over a trivial thing," he said in an interview. "It's very hard to resolve anything like

family

that. It gets to the stage where there is a huge blowup over essentially nothing.

"Probably the opinion of most other people doing similar work is that a couple that looks great has the greatest problems. Then they're sud-

denly divorced. A lot of time, couples that appear to have problems are not discussing them."

Segraves said he believes a renegotiation of terms takes place every so often in any kind of relationship.

"Sometimes it takes an argument," he said. "I think sometimes you really have to sit down and have a really strong feeling. In only that way will things get flushed out in the open."

"Any two people living together are going to have differences. Those differences have to be aired and resolved. Feelings may be hurt temporarily but once things are out in the open—once said—then they're out. Most marriages do have phases of crisis where things have to be resolved."

Arguments frequently are useless when one person attacks another in vague gen-

eralities for which there is no comeback, he said.

"For example, a husband attacks his wife by saying she's not feminine instead of saying that since she's working he has to pick up the kids at the nursery. You have to lead it to an area that can be resolved."

Segraves said he frequently tries to get couples to fight in his office but he has had trouble with some of them.

"I have had some couples that were so bitter and so hostile I essentially had to use a technique, making it so basic. The husband agrees to take out the trash and she agrees not to use hair colors to death."

Segraves said he did not know of a common conflict between married couples, because "sometimes they argue about one thing but that's not what they're really arguing about."

Segraves said he recommends that couples be specific, speak in the first person and to listen when they are arguing.

"Starting off sentences with 'I' can make a tremendous difference," he said. "It's hard to attack someone when they talk in the first person."



SNOWY SNOOPY, six-foot replica of famous comic-strip character, is visited by three-year-old Heather Ban-

well in St. Catharines, Ont. Forecast of warmer weather means Snoopy is in for a watery demise.

Ignoring Expensive Advice Puts You on Skis for \$20

More and more folks are exploring the winter landscapes these days via the old Scandinavian technique of cross-country skiing. There's just one drawback: although the Nordic version of the sport is less expensive than the Alpine (downhill) variation, beginners can still spend close to \$100 getting outfitted with quality gear. By carefully ignoring the advice of the local sporting goods dealer, however, an enterprising novice can obtain a very usable outfit for \$20 or less.

If such a proposition attracts you, you'll probably have to broaden your conception of the proper equipment. The type of ski you choose is really up to you. Some say that the widely used "skinny skis" usually associated with the sport are really best for racing and light touring, not back-pasture jaunts; others claim great success with the strong, lighter skis. The beginner may have the best luck with the wider "heavy touring" boards, however, since they're easier to control.

Although new heavy touring skis are nearly impossible to buy in the U.S., equipment of this type was used extensively in the 30s, 40s and early 50s when cross-country was the most prevalent form of the sport. Many of these old-time outfits survive in good condition and may be purchased at a secondhand store for \$3 to \$10 a pair. When you shop, look for (1) absence of cracks or warping, (2) wood rather than synthetic bases, (3) no

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metal edges and (4) correct length (reaching from the floor to your upturned wrist).

(Two other sources of good, inexpensive skis are military surplus stores and establishments, which rent cross-country gear. The former may have used but very sturdy Army equipment on hand; the latter often sell serviceable castoffs, commonly with bindings still mounted, at a fraction of the retail cost.)

To prepare your bargain skis for use, first remove all old varnish and wax from the bases with a sharp paint scraper and sandpaper. Then buy a can of pine tar at a drugstore or veterinary supply outlet and paint it on the bare wood (on the bottoms of the skis only).

Heat small sections of the tarred surface with a propane torch until the coating bubbles, and quickly wipe off the unabsorbed compound with a soft cloth. The skis are then ready for the application of cross-country wax according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The only bindings practical for use with the wider touring skis are of the cable variety. Often, used skis come with satisfactory fastenings already attached. If you aren't so fortunate, look first

for used bindings, then — if nothing turns up — investigate new merchandise.

Another pressing question for the beginner is the matter of footwear. One consideration here is that if you buy special cross-country boots, you won't usually have much trouble fitting bindings (since Nordic equipment is getting very standardized now).

On the other hand, it takes quite a while to get bindings adjusted to regular hiking or work boots, and some combinations won't work at all. Unfortunately, the salesperson who tells you that special footwear is important may just be right.

But if you don't have lots of money, substitutes will do for a while. The trick in obtaining satisfactory performance is to play with the adjustments on the binding's toeplate until you get a close fit that holds the boot in line with ski.

Touring poles should be as light and as strong as possible, and long enough to reach from the floor to your armpits. If skiing in soft snow is anticipated, the baskets should be somewhat larger than normal. New poles can be purchased at a reasonable price, but used ones cost even less.

To obtain your cross-country wardrobe, check secondhand stores for lightweight woolen clothing. Wool is best because it's somewhat water-repellent and retains its warmth when wet. Cross-country skiers dress in layers and frequently put on or take off a garment or two to avoid getting too hot or cold. Thus a heavy parka would be inappropriate, except for use in camp. Several wool shirts or sweaters would be more suitable on the trail.

Other accessories range from cotton gloves and baseball caps to homemade sheepskin hats and mittens, depending upon the expected severity of the weather. Hand coverings should be durable as well as warm for one of their functions is to protect the skin from abrasion.

One additional piece of helpful equipment is a good Nordic ski manual — check your local bookstore. Also, when you're learning to ski, it helps immensely to travel with a friend who is patient and familiar with the sport.

Obviously, when you improvise with old equipment or gear that was designed for another purpose, you're going to have a certain amount of trouble... but nothing that can keep you from enjoying yourself immensely. All it really takes to get started in cross-country skiing is some ingenuity, an eye for bargains, a few dollars and a desire to move through the winter landscape without destroying its peace.

Pot Worse for Heart Patients

IRVINE, Calif. (UPI) — A few puffs on a marijuana cigarette will cut in half the length of time a heart patient can exercise without feeling sharp chest pains, a cardiologist researcher says.

This is about twice as great as the harmful effect of tobacco cigarettes, said Dr. Wilbert Aronow.

Aronow is associate professor of medicine and chief of cardiovascular research at the University of California at Irvine, and chief of cardiology attending Beach Veterans Administration Hospital.

His previous studies, published in medical journals, dealt with the effect of smoking on men with heart trouble who performed exercise.

Smoking a filtered, low-nicotine cigarette decreased by 13 per cent the time the test subject could exercise without feeling angina pectoris, the sharp chest pains coronary patients feel under strain.

The average cigarette decreased the exercise time by about 24 per cent, Aronow said, but 10 puffs on a marijuana cigarette reduced the

amount of exercise before pain set in by 48 per cent.

The main villain in both cases is carbon monoxide, present in both tobacco and marijuana cigarettes, Aronow said.

It is known that nicotine is also harmful, causing an increase in pulse and blood pressure.

But his latest experiments show that the main active ingredient in marijuana, THC, has an effect on the cardiovascular system like that of nicotine, but the THC produces a stronger effect.

It is not accurate to equate one marijuana cigarette with one tobacco cigarette, Aronow said, because of the great disparity in the amount smoked by heavy users. Where a heavy smoker of tobacco cigarettes may smoke 20 to 25 in a day, a marijuana smoker will use only three or four "joints" in the same period, the researcher said.

However, it is certainly safe to assume that the more cigarettes one smokes, of either kind, the more pro-

nounced the effect on pulse, blood pressure and — in coronary patients — angina pectoris," Aronow said.

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Funds Available

EDMONTON (CP) — Limited funding for special projects related to older people and for training grants in geriatrics and gerontology is available from the senior citizens division of the Alberta department of social services and community health. Director Mary Engelmann said \$75,000 is available for special projects and \$50,000 for educational grants.



Handicapped Shed Life in Hospital

OTTAWA (CP) — Eight disabled persons, tired of the rules and regulations that characterize hospital life, want to discover whether they can live together with as little help as possible.

They're moving into a bungalow on quiet Pullen Avenue here and, with the help of two able-bodied attendants, will be participating in the first project of its kind to encourage self-management for the handicapped. Some have not lived outside hospitals for years.

"Each of the residents will be encouraged to take a role in running the house at the level they are capable of," said Stella Turner, head of the Carleton-Ottawa Residence for the Disabled, the organization formed to set up the house.

Joseph Dempsey, one of the two attendants, said he expects his job will slowly lose

importance, although not completely.

"I don't think we'll ever move out," he said. "But they'll be able to do 75 per cent of the work, maybe 85 per cent."

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	Wednesday	2:00-3:00 P.M.
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Sewing (beginner and basic knowledge)	Thursday	7:00-8:30 P.M.
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Adults	Tuesday	4:30-5:30 P.M.
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"Boy, Grandma! I hope I can play with this and not have to wear it!"

The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

Even in World Championship matches, in which the bidding is presumably top-notch, one does not always fulfill contracts arrived at voluntarily. As a case in point, observe today's deal, which came up in the 1955 World Championships, in the match between Great Britain and the United States. East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ 73
 ♥ A 10 9 2
 ♦ K Q 8 6
 ♣ 9 8 4

EAST
 ♠ J 6 4
 ♥ J 7 5 4
 ♦ A J 10 5
 ♣ 9 7 4 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 10 5
 ♥ K
 ♦ A J 10 5
 ♣ A K 6 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 9 8 2
 ♥ Q 8 6 3
 ♦ 3
 ♣ Q 10 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ 2♣ 2♦ Pass
 2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣.

When Great Britain held the North-South cards, the American West player, Alvin Roth of New York, opened the king of clubs, East dropping the jack. The ace of clubs came next, after which a third club lead was made, East ruffing. East returned a diamond to West's ace. Thus, before declarer had ever won a trick, he has been defeated.

When the deal was replayed

with the United States holding the North-South cards, South opened with one spade. But West, Adam Meredith, did not overcall with two clubs as his counterpart had done when the deal was first played. Instead, he elected to overcall with one notrump. North, Lew Mathe of Los Angeles, doubled for penalties. When the bidding reverted to West, he made the decision to pass (instead of retreating to two clubs). So the final contract became one notrump, doubled.

North led his top spade, East played low, and South put up the eight. West won the trick with the ten, after which he led a low club towards dummy's jack — and he didn't regain the lead for quite a spell. South captured the jack with the queen and rattled off his four spade tricks. West discarded the five and ten of diamonds; and North, Mathe, deserved a strong pat on the back for not signaling for a diamond lead. He discarded his two remaining clubs and his lowest diamond.

After cashing his spades, South led the three of hearts, West's king falling to North's ace. North played back the heart ten, trapping East's jack, and enabling North-South to cash four heart tricks.

And so the defenders made four spade tricks, four hearts, and one club, thereby handing declarer a vulnerable, doubled, three-trick set. Thus the United States gained 50 points at one table, and 800 points on the replay at the other table.

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ANSWERS TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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 7. Reach
 9. Ideal
 10. Digital
 12. Got out of bed
 14. Poor look-out
 18. Uniform

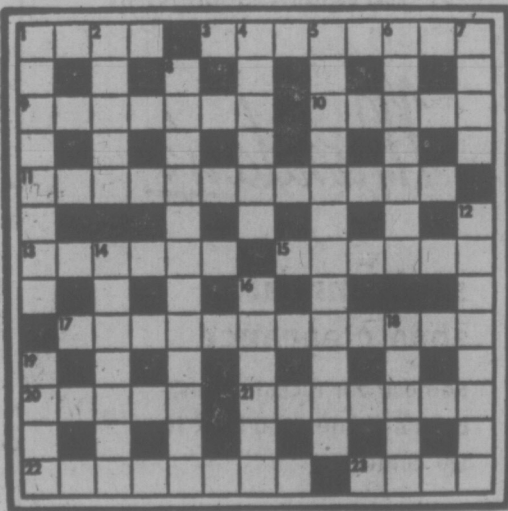
DOWN
 1. Issue
 21. Level
 22. Papoose
 1. Head
 2. Tomato
 3. Fez
 4. Belief

SCRAPES
 5. Mistake
 11. Colours
 13. Mounted
 15. Refuel
 16. Uphol
 17. Purse
 20. Rat

CLUES

ACROSS:
 1. A blank refusal as a matter of habit (4).
 3. Make little of (8).
 9. Not prosaic, just the opposite (7).
 10. Dance, drink and get a bad head (5).
 11. Make a crafty move and draw a quick pint (4, 1, 4, 3).
 13. Pointless advance warning? (3-3)
 15. Two biblical characters bought as a speculation (3-3).
 17. How a chap's amusement may be short-lived? (12).
 20. Clubs with lofty aims (5).
 21. After a number on the side (7).
 22. Always faithful? (8).
 23. A drink made differently (4).

DOWN:
 1. Lashes about the favourite dogs (8).
 2. Book for a boy about five (5).
 4. No traffic is met is such a street (3, 3).
 5. Don't the fair-minded have them? (4, 8).
 6. An adjective in name only (7).
 7. Key engineering work in Holland (4).
 8. Early morning service (9, 3).
 12. Was surprised to have been in front after the start (8).
 14. Some soldiers a philosopher gets on with (7).
 16. Capacity to get on after bitterness? (6).
 18. A number thereabout (5).
 19. Just for the record, 500 is over 100 (4).



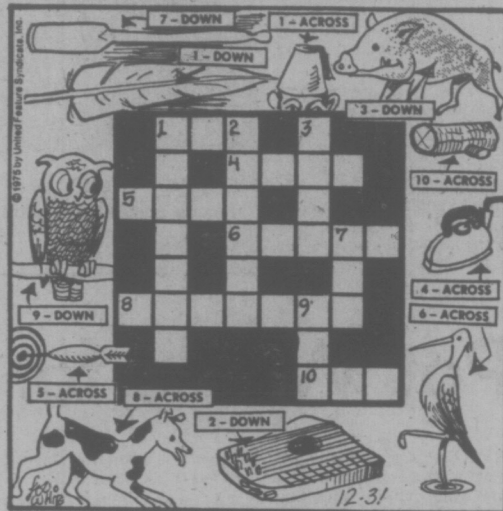
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LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



ANSWERS: ACROSS—1. FEZ, 4. IMON, 5. DART, 6. HEON, 8. TERIOR, 10. LOG, DOWN—1. FEATHER, 2. ZITHER, 3. BOAR, 7. OAR, 9. OWL.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Astrological Forecast for Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1975
 By SYDNEY OMARR

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be travelling or receiving persons who are completing journeys. Your philosophy could undergo change. You approach the New Year with knowledge that domestic circumstances are due to turn in your favor. A family member will express love with presentation of special gift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You face coming year with knowledge that you are going to pierce the unknown. Means mystery clouds will scatter. You'll see clearly. What you do with newfound vision could be largely determined tonight. Check resources with one close to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Accent on marriage—or partnership of legal nature. Emphasis on change, travel, variety and celebration. Another Gemini—and a Virgo—figure prominently. The New Year will find you in a stronger emotional and financial position.

CANCER (June 21-July 20): You get most pleasure from being close to family members—and home. If you have a choice, stick to familiar ground — and avoid excesses, including extravagant. You receive meaningful compliment from one who "serves you." New Year brings end to burden you have been carrying with no credit for so doing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romance, creativity, interesting relationship—all could figure prominently. You could also be seeing through a "romantic haze." Remember that you will have to face yourself in morning! Pisces is in picture. New Year will bring adjustment in domestic area, possible change of residence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Accept responsibility for one who might imbibe to excess. Take special care in connection with automobiles. Capricorn, Cancer persons may be in picture. New Year will bring greater understanding of potential, security, home and other basic values.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Accent on relatives, short trips, quips, pranks, messages, calls, acceleration of social life. Aries — and another Libran—play significant roles. Don't permit fast pace to create aura of carelessness. New Year promises more of the same, along with travel and increased income.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): New start, wonderful contacts, news concerning money—these are featured. Leo, Aquarius individuals are in picture. Member of opposite sex could fall madly in love with you. New Year promises a more solid base,

correction of mistakes, way to get out of "sticky situation." April could be an outstanding month.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lunar cycle is at peak—you impress, dance to your own tune, influence people and make new friends. Aquarian figures prominently. Circumstances favor taking initiative. New year holds promise of love, travel, creative outlet for talents. March and December are outstanding months.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may find yourself at a quiet, secluded rendezvous. Your spirits will be high and privileged information could be passed on to you. Be discreet! New year will be dominated by more secure position, greater family harmony.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have more fun this New Year's Eve than in many previous years. Lunar emphasis is on hopes, friends, wishes. Another Aquarian could be in picture. Member of opposite sex wants you to feel loved. Upcoming year provides tests, challenges—and you will perfect techniques. January will be one of your most important months of 1976.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Study Aquarius message. You're going to make some marvelous contacts — meaningful relationship could develop. Gemini, Virgo persons are likely to be in picture. In 1976, you travel, fall in love, write, get chance to display abilities before bigger audiences.

IF DEC. 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY You have ideas of your own and your family learned this during your early years. You are something of a rebel—not easy to know. You are creative, artistic and 1976 will find you happier, relieved of a burden and doing more travelling than in previous years. Leo, Scorpio persons play important roles in your life.

FUN WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

"I might make you an offer for that useless bit of land at Tulla and Jarvis," said Bert. "But what is the exact area?" "Useless now, but wait 'till the city spreads out to there," replied Peter. "Sure it's a funny shape, but it is a regular triangle. The long side is 15 feet more than twice the short, and the short is 29 feet less than the middle side. That makes the area just seven times the perimeter in feet and square feet."

What was the area?
 (Answer Tomorrow)
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DICTATORS JAILED

ATHENS (UPI) — A special appeals court today sentenced former dictators George Papadopoulos and Dimitrios Ioannides to 25 years and life imprisonment respectively for the bloody suppression of a student revolt in 1973.

The court convicted the two former leaders of moral complicity in wilful manslaughter.

The court also convicted 18 others officials of the former dictatorship and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from life to five months.

The five-member court acquitted 12 defendants.

Ottawa ICBC Pledge

The federal government has made assurances that any increase in Insurance Corp. of B.C. premium rates will not meet any resistance from the Anti-Inflation Review Board, Senator Ray Perrault said today.

The Liberal senator said, following a 30-minute meeting with Premier Bennett that the assurance had been made to him before he left Ottawa by finance minister Donald MacDonald.

Pat McGeer, minister responsible for ICBC in the Senate cabinet said on the weekend that there would be at least a 25 per cent jump in premiums.

"I was assured the apparent problem facing ICBC and the rate schedule prevailing at this time would not be a cause for concern," Perrault said.

"There is no intention on the part of the board to impose a harsh draconian eight or 10 per cent upper limit."

"There is nothing in the program that insists or compels an organization to accept losses as reported to be existing in ICBC."

Perrault also said he hoped a meeting between Premier Bennett and Prime Minister Trudeau could be arranged in the near future although he indicated it likely would not happen during the Prime Minister's current five-day visit to the province.

On other topics, Perrault said he will recommend to the federal cabinet that B.C. resource industries get a break with respect to the anti-inflationary program.

Some aspects of the inflationary program were creating difficulties with some B.C. resource industries, such as pulp and paper, he said.

The guideline which limits export profits to 55 per cent based on a past five-year average, was too tough, he added.

"It may be unfair to restrict these industries' ability to earn export profits as limiting by the anti-inflationary section," he said.

Perrault said he discussed the details of the federal anti-inflationary program with Bennett, and was encouraged by the response he received.

"It is a time not for government confrontation, but government co-operation," he said.

He said he was satisfied to see a good deal of co-operation expressed by the B.C. government to make sure the anti-inflationary program would work.

He praised Bennett's creation of a separate department of inter-governmental affairs and applauded the choice of Dan Campbell to head it.

Sniper Wasn't Chicken

QUEBEC (CP) — City police are holding a man who allegedly shot out the plate-glass window of a restaurant where he was served a brown-meat chicken sandwich instead of the white meat he had ordered.

No one was injured in the weekend incident.

Police said the man stormed out of the restaurant after he was served the wrong sandwich, despite a promise by a waitress that he would be given another.

He returned a few minutes later with a rifle of unknown calibre and shot out the windows.

Police reported no difficulty in apprehending the man.



Interior of luggage area following killer blast

\$50,000 Reward Offered For U.S. Airport Bombers

Times News Services
Airlines in the United States offered a \$50,000 reward today for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for Monday night's explosion at New York's La Guardia Airport in which at least 11 people were killed and 75 injured.

The bomb packing the power of 20 to 25 sticks of dynamite exploded in a TWA baggage area at the airport.

It had been placed in a coin-operated locker near the area where passengers collect baggage.

Flying glass and steel ripped like shrapnel into scores of holiday travellers and airport workers.

One UPI reporter who was

waiting for a flight said she saw a "human head — just a head — on a window ledge."

Arms, legs, feet and hands of victims were blown throughout the terminal.

"Two people were seen running from the scene shortly before the explosion, according to New York City police chief Thomas Mitchellson. He declined to elaborate or describe the two."

The toll would have been higher if the bomb had gone off moments earlier when 147 passengers aboard two TWA flights landed and picked up their luggage from the blast area.

The airport was emptied and closed to all traffic shortly after the 6:33 p.m. (EST)

explosion, forcing the cancellation or diversion of at least 45 flights and fouling the plans of about 5,000 travellers.

The airport will be closed until at least 10 p.m. today.

No call or advance warning preceded the blast, but in the hours that followed, police and news organizations received a number of calls from persons claiming different groups were responsible.

These range from the Palestine Liberation Organization to Puerto Rican terrorists and a Mafia gang.

From Beirut, PLO spokesmen denied responsibility for what they termed a "dastardly act against innocent people."

In the wake of the blast,

bomb threats disrupted air traffic at least seven other airports in the United States.

Kansas police said a caller "who sounded like a 14-year-old boy" telephoned the communications unit at police headquarters Monday night and announced that a bomb was set to go off at Kansas International Airport near the TWA operations.

The building was not emptied because police believed the call to be a hoax.

A scare, however, closed Washington National Airport for more than an hour after an anonymous threat was made.

Passengers on a TWA flight bound for Paris from New York were told to stay in the airport. See BOMB, page 2

Man Shot by Policeman 'At Least 50% to Blame'

VANCOUVER (CP) — A city policeman and a driver who was shot May 11 1972 after a high-speed chase were ruled equally to blame Monday in British Columbia Supreme Court for the serious jaw damage a police bullet did to the speeder.

Harmen Verbrugge was awarded damages of \$36,750 by Mr. Justice J. G. Rutan against Constable Stanley Bush but the Supreme Court judge ruled that Verbrugge was 50 per cent to blame for what happened to him. He will receive \$18,375.

The court was told that Verbrugge, a racing driver, believed he was about to be stopped for suspected speeding and decided to flee because he had marks again his licence and felt he might lose his car at a time when he was about to be married.

The chase ended when Verbrugge voluntarily pulled over to the curb with police cars immediately behind him.

The driver was shot when Const. Bush went up to his car. The man's jaw and teeth were shattered.

Verbrugge said he was shot after he obeyed a command to stay where he was in the car and place his hands on the dashboard.

Const. Bush, who had reached the driver's door, said the shot was fired accidentally when Verbrugge suddenly tried to leave the car and collided with his drawn service revolver.

"I am satisfied this collision could and did cause the accident, the discharge of the pistol and the path of the bullet," said Mr. Justice Rutan.

He found that the officer was negligent in not being in complete control of his potentially dangerous service revolver.

He held that Const. Bush had no intention of firing but that the gun fired as a result of a jarring impact with Verbrugge.

He held also that it was unnecessary in the circumstances for the officer to have his finger on the trigger and unnecessary for him to run up

to the stopped car rather than approach "slowly, cautiously and always on the alert."

He said Verbrugge "certainly caused this whole chain of events to be set in operation."

"His senseless and reckless driving resulted in the chase," the judge said. "After he stopped he knew there were at least two cars there (police cars) and knew, or should have anticipated, that

an officer would be coming up on him from the rear where the police car was to be seen.

The plaintiff's sudden movement out of the car was foolish and unexpected. Therefore I find that he too was negligent and contributed to his own injury."

Mr. Justice Rutan said that Verbrugge was not lying but held that the man's recollection of what happened in the mishap was faulty.

Continued Freeze On Food?

Consumer services minister Rafe Mair said Monday he will recommend to today's provincial cabinet meeting that the Social Credit government continue the freeze on food prices until mid-February.

The freeze was originally started in October by the New Democratic Party administration which promised during the Dec. 11 election campaign to continue it, along with freezes on other essential goods and services, to Feb. 15.

The original NDP freeze expires at midnight tonight.

Mair said that he expects federal anti-inflation controls to be effective by mid-February.

The minister said the food freeze recommendation will be the same as the NDP plan except that fruit and vegetables will be exempt.

Mair also said that only those credit card users who normally pay their monthly bills in full will be entitled to any rebate of interest charged because of the postal dispute.

"People who usually keep a running balance and normally pay only the required minimum monthly payment have no right to demand a full refund of all interest and should not expect it," he said.

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Tonight: Cold, Wednesday: Sunny

Bunkhouse Hassle Yields \$513 Payoff

Canadian Press
Men's bunkhouses shouldn't be shared with women, the B.C. Human Rights Commission ruled in a judgment released Monday.

In what is believed to be the first decision of its kind in Canada, the commission ordered Lornex Mining Corp. Ltd. to pay \$513 to laboratory technician Jean Tharp for expenses incurred by travel-

ling more than 40 road miles from the mine site near Ashcroft to Kamloops to use washroom facilities.

The commission ruled that Miss Tharp suffered aggravated damages because she preferred not to share the facilities at the camp with men and the company did not provide separate facilities for women.

The accommodation provided by the mining company consisted of 14 identical pre-

fabricated bunkhouses, each with 10 double rooms that had common washing and toilet facilities.

"The nature of the facilities clearly suggests that they were designed for use by one sex only, and that sex was male," the judgment said.

Kathleen Ruff, B.C. human rights director, said that Miss Tharp, who moved into the bunkhouse Sept. 17, 1974, complained to the commission and it was found that lodging

women in the same bunkhouse as men was illegal under the health act.

Ruff said that health inspectors ordered Lornex to divide the bunkhouse into separate areas—one for men, the other for women.

Tharp, however, decided to pursue her argument that the company had caused damage to her self-respect, said Ruff, and the commission interpreted the Human Rights Code as saying that a company which

chooses to provide accommodation for men also must provide similar facilities for women.

The commission ruled that Lornex had contravened the code and "committed the contravention with a wanton disregard."

Lornex was ordered to pay the damages and "refrain from committing the same or a similar contravention."

Company officials were unavailable for comment.

Price Change Notice Order

OTTAWA (CP) — Major oil companies must give 30 days notice before raising prices for petroleum or petrochemical products, the anti-inflation board said Monday.

Board vice-chairman Beryl Plumptre said in a statement that prices would be monitored jointly by her board and the government's energy supplies allocation board.

Notice of oil price changes, which Plumptre said is more stringent than for other corporations, would have to be given to both boards.

The anti-inflation board requires notification from other large corporations of any increases resulting in a rise of two per cent or more in gross revenue from any production line. The oil companies must provide notification of any increase.

In a letter to 19 major oil companies, Plumptre said increases will be limited to recovering higher costs incurred.

However, the government guides released in October exempt from controls the cost of crude oil, now negotiated annually by Ottawa and the provinces. The next increase will come July 1.

Any increase in crude prices will be passed to consumers, roughly four cents a gallon on gasoline and heating fuel for each \$1 a barrel crude-price increase.

The energy supplies allocation board will continue to monitor prices and profits in the refining and distribution of petroleum and petroleum products; part of its role in overseeing the federal oil import compensation program.

The anti-inflation board will monitor other industry activities, including retail sales and petrochemical operations.

The board said in its statement that wholesale petroleum prices have been "voluntarily restrained" since September, 1973, with industry only raising prices by levels accepted by the federal government.

However, it also added that compliance with the program has been a pre-requisite for payments to the oil companies under the import compensation program.

The anti-inflation board will consider one of its first major price cases Jan. 6 when it looks at increased insurance rates and it is expected to come up with a precedent-setting decision for the insurance industry.

The board refuses to name the insurance company, but board officials say it is a major auto insurer.

So far, most board rulings have involved wage settlements.

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WOMEN CHARGED IN KILLING

KELOWNA (CP) — RCMP said five women have been arrested and are being held in the stabbing death here of a middle-aged man early today.

Four women were arrested at a motor hotel in Salmon Arm, about 75 miles north, after RCMP had said suspects were believed heading north in a taxi.

Roadblocks had been set up north and south of Kelowna after the man, believed to be from Alberta, was killed. Police have not released the victim's name.

Police said the five women were in a pickup truck with the man when the stabbing occurred about 3:30 a.m. on Highway 33 just east of here. They said the man was stabbed twice with a six-inch paring knife.

No charges had been released, and the women, a juvenile, three teenagers and a 20-year-old, were not named.

The fifth woman was arrested shortly after the stabbing. The amount stolen was not known.

\$100 Million 'Run-Around'

By KIT COLLINS
Times Staff

South Vancouver Island Indians have asked the new Secord government to guarantee a \$100 million loan for a large tourist development project linking Victoria, Duncan and Nanaimo.

And although Secord officials agreed in principle to the proposal during the election campaign "now we're getting the run-around," said project co-ordinator Larry Seymour.

Seymour, chief of the Chemainus band, said confrontation is looming.

Secord officials, including Dan Campbell and party president Peter Hyndman, "definitely agreed in principle" to the proposal before the election.

Members of the native Indian movement, said Seymour, were included on Secord radio ads during the campaign.

"But now that we have to actually get down to business, when there's some urgency—we're getting horsed around by Grace (Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy) and the others."

Seymour plans to lead a group of native Indian representatives to the legislature to meet Secord ministers. Although there was no meeting set up, "they'll know where we're coming," he said.

The proposal would see native Indians setting up a public company called the Confederated Native Authority to initiate economic development.

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Aussie Floods Worsen

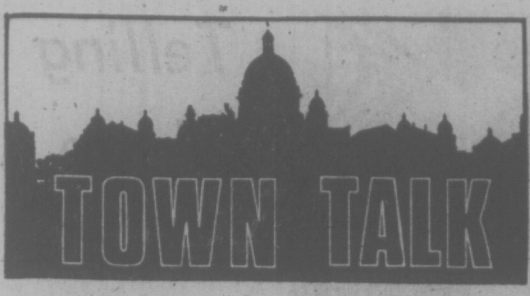
BRISBANE (Reuters) — Floodwaters and fresh rains battered two Australian states Monday, leaving hundreds stranded and entire townships cut off in a virtual inland sea.

Police said the worst flooding was caused by torrential rain in Queensland where air force planes dropped supplies to farmers and motorists trapped by water inundating hundreds of square miles.

Three men disappeared while swimming off the Queensland coast and the body of a young woman was washed ashore in Melbourne, where thunderstorms and hail caused widespread damage.

At the height of the storm in Melbourne, traffic was brought to a halt by nearly a foot of water.

In Queensland, police failed in a bid to rescue 22 children marooned for 10 days in a mountain gorge. But the children and five adults on a camping holiday were reported in no immediate danger, with enough food for another two weeks.



Season's greetings to two Bay Street residents who were celebrating early this morning as rush-hour traffic drove by their apartment.

They were out on the balcony in stocking feet, bottles of beer in their hands, toasting passersby with swallows of ale.

A late Boxing Day celebration or an early New Year's Eve party, fellows?

Promises, promises, promises... election promises have a history of being forgotten once the ballots are cast.

But Saanich alderman Joe Bourque showed Monday he intends to keep one of his—to do more of the people's business in public.

The Times, checking on a special meeting of council called Monday to establish what will be done if the municipality's firemen keep their threat to refuse to do ambulance service, was told by a municipal official it would be in-camera because it involved personnel.

Bourque, chairman of the fire committee, was contacted. Bourque moved. The meeting was held in public although only the Times and one unsuccessful alderman candidate attended.

For \$1 local junior hockey fans can buy a Cougar souvenir program that, among other things, offers best wishes from Dave Barrett, who signs himself premier of British Columbia.

It also contains greetings from Peter Pollen who signs himself mayor of Victoria, which is quite correct—at least for this week.

The programs, prepared last summer, will continue to be sold until spring, complete with greetings from the non-premier Barrett and the soon-to-be non-mayor Pollen.

The play, Equus, has been a skittish horse so far as city lawyer Robert Price and the McPherson Playhouse is concerned.

After several approaches it has finally galloped off over the horizon and won't be seen there this season.

Various difficulties—a mandatory 50 per cent ration of equity actors, refusal of a work permit for a British National Theatre actor who was to have played the lead, among other problems—caused cancellation of the Peter Shaffer play scheduled to open Jan. 7.

In the meantime Price is left with the forfeit of his \$50 per cent deposit on a week's rental of the McPherson.

Problems, problems... and they're all relative.

When for some reason our regular copy of the Times doesn't appear on the doorstep it's a fair bet that the explanation is a simple one: the carrier overslept, fell off his bike and hurt his leg, that sort of thing.

But spare a thought for one of our far-flung subscribers, a gentleman in Beirut, Lebanon, who last September ordered a year's subscription to the Times' Saturday edition—and hasn't received a single copy since.

"Unfortunately the civil war in Lebanon paralysed all postal services since several months and I did not receive any copy up to now," he writes.

But that's only for starters, for our man in Beirut adds: "My hotel and restaurant were set afire by Nasserite leftists and burned out completely. Therefore I changed my residence temporarily to..."

We'd better not mention the address, for fear that those sneaky leftists will somehow stop the Times getting through!

A community plan for View Royal came before the regional board recently and the plan contains a preamble which touches on the community's history, even its drinking habits.

There's mention, for example, of a freshwater spring near Beechborough Road which is still flowing. It slaked the thirst of Spanish sailors almost two centuries ago.

"Four Mile House and Six Mile House also represent two significant historic landmarks in View Royal," the plan's preamble says. "It is said that many business and professional people took the 40-minute drive by horse-drawn cart to the Four Mile Inn because of its late-hour rendezvous attraction."

Forty minutes in a cart? How thirsty can you get?

An American professor has invented a committee game which, Town Talk confidently predicts, will be a big hit in this committee-minded city.

Halas L. Jacklin, professor of education at the State University of New York college at Oswego, says the prime purpose of a committee is: "To prevent the development of significant decisions; to delay or diffuse an issue by making it unrecognizable."

As far as etiquette is concerned, the thing to remember is to "show disgust for any act aimed at achieving a speedy discharge of a committee's mission."

Any number from five to 15 may play the committee game. The greater the number, the more confusion.

Some excerpts from the Jacklin scoring system:

Five points for forgetting an earlier decision and bringing it up for renewed discussion.

Five points for telling the group it has a communication problem.

Five points for taking twice as long as needed to say something.

Ten points for throwing in a new term, preferably from a foreign language.

Ten points for injecting a totally irrelevant issue.

Fifteen points for phrasing a statement in such a way that a player opposed to it fails to recognize it and votes for it.

Twenty-five points for wearing down the opposition to the point where it will vote for anything simply to adjourn the meeting.

Jacklin says players can be disqualified if they persist in trying to clarify the committee's goals.

There's not a committee we know in Greater Victoria—municipal, the arts, what-have-you—that wouldn't score consistently high marks.



TOQUE TYPES pictured today on downtown streets are among hordes of southern Vancouver Islanders who choose knitted head-huggers for protection from blasts of winter. Local merchants report heavy sales of woollen headgear with some stores sold out. Big favorites are imported variety from Scotland. Canadian origin of the toque seems to stem from the French culture. Shown here from left are Mike Sickels, wee Philip Caouette, whose baby cap qualifies as toque fashion; Flemming Jorgensen and Jane McDonald. They're all sold on toques. (Bill Halkett photo)

Sidney Awaits Gov't Nod

The addition to Sidney's town hall is nearing completion, but the use of one of its floors remains up in the air, waiting for a decision by the provincial government.

The bottom floor of the addition, expected to be completed in early March, is reserved for court facilities which were moved from Sidney to Victoria earlier this year.

The town was told at the time that its facilities were inadequate, but that if the facilities were improved, the courts might be moved back.

A spokesman in Attorney-General Garde Gardom's office, however, said the new minister is not going to make any decisions on the Saanich Peninsula courts for some time.

Until the court needs are known, construction of the ground floor is being slowed.

The two-storey wing is being added to the rear of the town hall at 2440 Sidney Ave. and the upper story will house new offices for the mayor and town clerk and an extra committee room.

Aldermen Want Province To Set Their Pay Rates

By PAT DUFOUR
Times Staff

Saanich council—with the exception of Ald. Joe Bourque—wants the provincial government to get them off the hook by deciding on salary increases for municipal councils.

Mayor Ed Lum thinks his council is underpaid compared to some others, and an over-all rate would result in higher salaries than they now have.

Council voted Monday to send a resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities proposing the provincial government be requested to set up machinery establishing over-all rates of pay for B.C. mayors and aldermen.

Only Bourque defended present legislation, specifically, section 200 of the Municipal Act, which states councils should determine its own pay.

\$100,000 Saving

Saanich will support the Greater Victoria Public Library's bid to regionalize library services and hopes to save \$100,000 by the move.

The council agreed Monday to support the library's bid to have library services come under the aegis of the Capital Regional District.

"A body should be set up in the same manner as the one for the Royal Theatre with amended letters patent," Mayor Ed Lum said.

The council was told the library would receive \$280,000 in provincial government grants, instead of \$20,000 if services were regionalized.

Lum said regionalization would also reduce Saanich's share of the financing by about \$100,000.

Decision Wednesday On Ambulance Hassle

A meeting Wednesday morning is expected to decide whether eight or possibly 12 firefighters will lose their jobs if the Saanich firemen's union refuses to operate ambulance services.

Union president Ken Ebbs-Canavan said today seven of the union's executive will meet municipal administrator Bill Tremayne, personnel director Bill Locker and Chief Harold Gains.

Ebbs-Canavan said the union is prepared to make concessions but "we will know the outcome within 15 minutes."

The union's contract expires at midnight Wednesday. The union has warned it will refuse to carry out ambulance services if its contract is not reopened to allow pay scale adjustment from July 1. This would bring firemen to parity with Lower Mainland departments and conform with the federal government's guidelines in the new contract.

Ebbs-Canavan said the retroactive increase was to have been "on paper only" and Ald. Fred Severson, a city firefighter, said he understood this to be the case when council met to discuss the issue Monday.

Tremayne, however, said if this was so "... it was not known to me. They certainly didn't tell us."

Gains told council the B.C. Ambulance Service has agreed to take over the service if required.

Council agreed that a minimum of eight firemen would be dismissed if this happened.

Both Mayor Ed Lum and Ald. Joe Bourque, chairman of the fire committee, said today the figure could rise to 12, the number of firemen holding valid certificates to perform ambulance services.

Ebbs-Canavan said Ald. Roy Wootton was using semantics Monday when he said firefighters actually used on ambulance runs were getting more than their Vancouver counterparts. Wootton said they received \$50 a month extra for this, \$17 more than the mainland firefighters receive.

Ebbs-Canavan said Vancouver firefighters used on special duties received \$345 a year extra. This, however, was not given in hard cash but in the form of an extra week's holiday.

Girl 'Fair' After Mishap

A 14-year-old Burnaby girl is in fair condition in Victoria General Hospital with head injuries received when hit by a car on Douglas at Seymour about 6 p.m. Monday.

Saanich police said Dasi Bahi ran in front of a north-bound car driven by Gary Lewis, 36, of 5044 Prospect Lake.

The girl was in Saanich over the Christmas holidays visiting relatives at 539 Mountfield, police said.

Ferry Officials Ending Careers

Three of the B.C. Ferries' top men are retiring, two this week and one in early January.

All three have been with the service since it was formed in 1958.

They are Monty Aldous of 2920 Cook, Bill Weston of 2004 Runnymede, and Bob Innes of 772 Island Road.

Aldous was general manager from 1959 to 1973 when he became a labor consultant for the ferry service. He retired Dec. 20.

Bill Weston, who is taking early retirement because of poor health, retired as operations manager on Saturday.

Innes, 61, joined the sales section of the ferry service in 1959 and has been traffic manager since 1966. He retires Jan. 15.

He will be succeeded by Ken Stratford, who has been director of information at the B.C. Ferries' Vancouver office since 1968. Stratford takes up his new position in Victoria on Jan. 15.

Prior to joining B.C. Ferries, Stratford spent 11 years in the airline field, working for Japan Airlines in Europe for five years and the next six years for B.C. Airlines.

Weston's position is now being advertised but there are no plans to replace Aldous.

"The changes are purely coincidental as far as the timing (change-over in the provincial government) is concerned," a ferry spokesman said Monday.

Mr. Aldous and Mr. Innes were planning their retirement two years ago.

The spokesman said when B.C. Ferries celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1970, 89 of the original ferry workers were still on staff. This group formed the 88ers Club at that time.

Aldous holds membership card No. 1, Weston, No. 3, and Innes, No. 7.

125 Tried To Get Junior Position In Times Newsroom And 25 Boasted Degrees

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

When the Times advertised for a copyboy or girl this month we were flooded with 125 applicants for the single position.

There were 25 applications from people with university degrees and another 21 had at least some university education. A total of 105 of the 125 were unemployed and six others had only part-time work.

The response was surprising and overwhelming.

A copyperson is traditionally the lowest on the newsroom totem pole. Tasks include filling glue pots, sorting the mail, bringing coffee to the troops, wirephoto maintenance, sorting comics and writing meeting notices. It is not your glamor job.

In normal times, the only interested people are youngsters who hope to become journalists or other young people not quite sure what they want to do.

The ideal person would be about 18, fast on his feet, bright and quick to respond to shouts of "boy," "copy" or "hey, you!"

Among the 125 applicants, one was 45, another was 50, another was 60 and yet another was 62.

The youngest was 16.

Only 18 of the applicants had less than high school graduation.

There were 18 married people who applied for the job. And 93 of the 125 applicants were female.

(Stan Purdy, Victoria region manager for Canada Manpower, said the Times experience has been matched by a number of other employers in the city.)

(He said the pool of unemployment continues to be high in Victoria with many people obviously reluctant to leave the city for jobs in Edmonton, Calgary or even Vancouver. He said they express a strong preference to find any suitable job in Victoria rather than move.)

The comments on the appli-

So You Think Jobs Aren't Hard to Get?

BRIGHT, ENERGETIC PERSON wanted for general office work in newspaper office starting December 15. This is a position traditionally styled "copyboy" or "copygirl." Hours are 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Pay of \$4.10 per hour and good company benefits. Bring resume, references and request for interview to Victoria Press Box 899.

cation forms contained a number of surprises and interesting insights as well.

A young woman said she was kept busy by her previous employer "keeping two complete sets of books" for the company.

Another applicant said she was "laid off" her last job. This was verified by a written reference from her previous employer who said she was "laid" off.

One volunteered: "I have no criminal record."

"Present employer—UIC," appeared on a young man's form.

One quit the last job because "the company I worked for kept issuing NSF cheques."

Getting a reference isn't always easy. "Reference moved," wrote one job-seeker. "Now bankrupt," wrote two beside their former employers.

A few applicants had previous newspaper experience ranging from the London Daily Mirror to the Georgia Straight.

A retired Australian policeman sought the job as did a graduate from an exclusive girls school whose work experience consisted of "assistant relief light keeper Race Rocks."

One applicant said she had served "nine years as a Brownie."

Many applicants could speak several languages, besides English, including French, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish and Filipino.

The winner?

She's Carol Speller, 18, a graduate of Spectrum High School, who hopes to go to university next year, possibly in the late afternoon after work.

Some day, she says, she hopes to go into criminology and perhaps specialize in probation work.

In the meantime "Hey, you!"

DICTATORS JAILED

ATHENS (UPI) — A special appeals court today sentenced former dictators George Papadopoulos and Dimitrios Ioannides to 25 years and life imprisonment respectively for the bloody suppression of a student revolt in 1973.

The court convicted the two former leaders of moral complicity in wilful manslaughter. The court also convicted 18 others officials of the former dictatorship and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from life to five months.

The five-member court acquitted 12 defendants.

Ottawa ICBC Pledge

The federal government has made assurance that any increase in Insurance Corp. of B.C. premium rates will not meet any resistance from the Anti-Inflation Review Board, Senator Ray Perrault said today.

The Liberal senator said, following a 30-minute meeting with Premier Bennett that the assurance had been made to him before he left Ottawa by finance minister Donald MacDonald.

Pat McGeer, minister responsible for ICBC in the Soerod cabinet said on the weekend that there would be at least a 25 per cent jump in premiums.

"I was assured the apparent problem facing ICBC and the rate schedule prevailing at this time would not be a cause for concern," Perrault said.

"There is no intention on the part of the board to impose a harsh draconian eight or 10 per cent upper limit."

"There is nothing in the program that insists or compels an organization to accept losses as reported to be existing in ICBC."

Perrault also said he hoped a meeting between Premier Bennett and Prime Minister Trudeau could be arranged in the near future although he indicated it likely would not happen during the Prime Minister's current five-day visit to the province.

On other topics, Perrault said he will recommend to the federal cabinet that B.C. resource industries get a break with respect to the anti-inflationary program.

Some aspects of the inflationary program were creating difficulties with some B.C. resource industries, such as pulp and paper, he said.

The guideline which limits export profits to 35 per cent based on a past five-year average, was too tough, he added.

"It may be unfair to restrict these industries' ability to earn export profits as limited by the anti-inflationary section," he said.

Perrault said he discussed the details of the federal anti-inflationary program with Bennett, and was encouraged by the response he received.

"It is a time not for government confrontation, but government co-operation," he said.

He said he was satisfied to see a good deal of co-operation expressed by the B.C. government to make sure the anti-inflationary program would work.

He praised Bennett's creation of a separate department of inter-governmental affairs and applauded the choice of Dan Campbell to head it.

Sniper Wasn't Chicken

QUEBEC (CP) — City police are holding a man who allegedly shot out the plate-glass window of a restaurant where he was served a brown-meat chicken sandwich instead of the white meat he had ordered.

No one was injured in the weekend incident.

Police said the man stormed out of the restaurant after he was served the wrong sandwich, despite a promise by a waitress that he would be given another.

He returned a few minutes later with a rifle of unknown calibre and shot out the windows.

Police reported no difficulty in apprehending the man.



Interior of luggage area following killer blast

\$50,000 Reward Offered For U.S. Airport Bombers

Times News Services

Airlines in the United States offered a \$50,000 reward today for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for Monday night's explosion at New York's La Guardia Airport in which at least 11 people were killed and 75 injured.

The bomb packing the power of 20 to 25 sticks of dynamite exploded in a TWA baggage area at the airport. It had been placed in a coin-operated locker near the area where passengers collect baggage.

Flying glass and steel ripped like shrapnel into scores of holiday travellers and airport workers.

One UPI reporter who was

waiting for a flight said she saw a "human head — just a head — on a window ledge."

Arms, legs, feet and hands of victims were blown throughout the terminal.

Two people were seen running from the scene shortly before the explosion, according to New York City police chief Thomas Mitchellson. He declined to elaborate or describe the two.

The toll would have been higher if the bomb had gone off moments earlier when 147 passengers aboard two TWA flights landed and picked up their luggage from the blast area.

The airport was emptied and closed to all traffic shortly after the 6:33 p.m. (EST)

explosion, forcing the cancellation or diversion of at least 45 flights and fouling the plans of about 5,000 travellers.

The airport will be closed until at least 10 p.m. today.

No call or advance warning preceded the blast, but in the hours that followed, police and news organizations received a number of calls from persons claiming different groups were responsible.

These range from the Palestine Liberation Organization to Puerto Rican terrorists and a Mafia gang.

From Beirut, PLO spokesmen denied responsibility for what they termed a "dastardly act against innocent people."

In the wake of the blast,

bomb threats disrupted air traffic at at least seven other airports in the United States.

Kansas police said a caller "who sounded like a 14-year-old boy" telephoned the communications unit at police headquarters Monday night and announced that a bomb was set to go off at Kansas International Airport near the TWA operations.

The building was not emptied because police believed the call to be a hoax.

A scare, however, closed Washington National Airport for more than an hour after an anonymous threat was made.

Passengers on a TWA flight bound for Paris from New York were told to stay in the airport.

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Man Shot by Policeman 'At Least 50% to Blame'

VANCOUVER (CP) — A city policeman and a driver who was shot May 11 1972 after a high-speed chase were ruled equally to blame Monday in British Columbia Supreme Court for the serious jaw damage a police bullet did to the driver.

Harmen Verbrugge was awarded damages of \$38,750 by Mr. Justice J. G. Rutman against Constable Stanley Bush but the Supreme Court judge ruled that Verbrugge was 50 per cent to blame for what happened to him. He will receive \$18,375.

The court was told that Verbrugge, a racing driver, believed he was about to be stopped for suspected speeding and decided to flee because he had marks against his licence and felt he might lose his car at a time when he was about to be married.

The chase ended when Verbrugge voluntarily pulled over to the curb with police cars immediately behind him. The driver was shot when Const. Bush went up to his car. The man's jaw and teeth were shattered.

Verbrugge said he was shot after he obeyed a command to stay where he was in the car and place his hands on the dashboard.

Const. Bush, who had reached the driver's door, said the shot was fired accidentally when Verbrugge suddenly tried to leave the car and collided with his drawn revolver.

"I am satisfied this collision could and did cause the accident, the discharge of the pistol and the path of the bullet," said Mr. Justice Rutman.

He found that the officer was negligent in not being in complete control of his potentially dangerous service revolver.

He held that Const. Bush had no intention of firing but that the gun fired as a result of a jarring impact with Verbrugge.

He held also that it was unnecessary in the circumstances for the officer to have his finger on the trigger and unnecessary for him to run up

to the stopped car rather than approach "slowly, cautiously and always on the alert."

He said Verbrugge "certainly caused this whole chain of events to be set in operation."

"His senseless and reckless driving resulted in the chase," the judge said. "After he stopped he knew there were at least two cars there (police cars) and knew or should have anticipated, that

an officer would be coming up on him from the rear where the police car was to be seen. The plaintiff's sudden movement out of the car was foolish and unexpected. Therefore I find that he too was negligent and contributed to his own injury."

Mr. Justice Rutman said that Verbrugge was not lying but held that the man's recollection of what happened in the mishap was faulty.

Continued Freeze On Food?

Consumer services minister Rafe Mair said Monday he will recommend to today's provincial cabinet, meeting that the Social Credit government continue the freeze on food prices until mid-February.

The freeze was originally started in October by the New Democratic Party administration which promised during the Dec. 11 election campaign to continue it, along with freezes on other essential goods and services, to Feb. 15.

The original NDP freeze expires at midnight tonight.

Mair said that he expects federal anti-inflation controls to be effective by mid-February.

The minister said the food freeze recommendation will be the same as the NDP plan except that fruit and vegetables will be exempt.

Mair also said that only those credit card users who normally pay their monthly bills in full will be entitled to any rebate of interest charged because of the postal dispute.

"People who usually keep a running balance and normally pay only the required minimum monthly payment have no right to demand a full refund of all interest and should not expect it," he said.

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Tonight: Cold, Wednesday: Sunny

Bunkhouse Hassle Yields \$513 Payoff

Canadian Press

Men's bunkhouses shouldn't be shared with women, the B.C. Human Rights Commission ruled in a judgment released Monday.

In what is believed to be the first decision of its kind in Canada, the commission ordered Lornex Mining Corp. Ltd. to pay \$513 to laboratory technician Jean Tharp for expenses incurred by travel-

ling more than 40 road miles from the mine site near Ashcroft to Kamloops to use washroom facilities.

The commission ruled that Miss Tharp suffered aggravated damages because she preferred not to share the facilities at the camp with men and the company did not provide separate facilities for women.

The accommodation provided by the mining company consisted of 14 identical pre-

fabricated bunkhouses, each with 10 double rooms that had common washing and toilet facilities.

"The nature of the facilities clearly suggests that they were designed for use by one sex only, and that sex was male," the judgment said.

Kathleen Ruff, B.C. human rights director, said that Miss Tharp, who moved into the bunkhouse Sept. 17, 1974, complained to the commission and it was found that lodging

women in the same bunkhouse as men was illegal under the health act.

Ruff said that health inspectors ordered Lornex to divide the bunkhouse into separate areas—one for men, the other for women.

Tharp, however, decided to pursue her argument that the company had caused damage to her self-respect, said Ruff, and the commission interpreted the Human Rights Code as saying that a company which

chooses to provide accommodation for men also must provide similar facilities for women.

The commission ruled that Lornex had contravened the code and "committed the contravention with a wanton disregard."

Lornex was ordered to pay the damages and "refrain from committing the same or a similar contravention."

Company officials were unavailable for comment.

Price Change Notice Order

OTTAWA (CP) — Major oil companies must give 30 days notice before raising prices for petroleum or petrochemical products, the anti-inflation board said Monday.

Board vice-chairman Beryl Plumptre said in a statement that prices would be monitored jointly by her board and the government's energy supplies allocation board.

Notice of oil price changes, which Plumptre said is more stringent than for other corporations, would have to be given to both boards.

The anti-inflation board requires notification from other large corporations of any increases resulting in a rise of two per cent or more in gross revenue from any production line. The oil companies must provide notification of any increase.

In a letter to 19 major oil companies, Plumptre said increases will be limited to recovering higher costs incurred.

However, the government guides released in October exempt from controls the cost of crude oil, now negotiated annually by Ottawa and the provinces. The next increase will come July 1.

Any increase in crude prices will be passed to consumers, roughly four cents a gallon on gasoline and heating fuel for each \$1 a barrel crude-price increase.

The energy supplies allocation board will continue to monitor prices and profits in the refining and distribution of petroleum and petroleum products, part of its role in overseeing the federal oil import compensation program.

The anti-inflation board will monitor other industry activities, including retail sales and petrochemical operations.

The board said in its statement that wholesale petroleum prices have been "voluntarily restrained" since September, 1973, with industry only raising prices by levels accepted by the federal government.

However, it also added that compliance with the program has been a pre-requisite for payments to the oil companies under the import compensation program.

The anti-inflation board will consider one of its first major price cases Jan. 6 when it looks at increased insurance rates and it is expected to come up with a precedent-setting decision for the insurance industry.

The board refuses to name the insurance company, but board officials say it is a major auto insurer.

So far, most board rulings have involved wage settlements.

A board official says a ruling likely will be made on the particular case that is to be discussed Jan. 6, but the decision will set out the rules for all insurance companies to follow in future rate increases.

Gov't Rules Out Two Pesticides

OTTAWA (CP) — The agriculture department announced Monday proposals to end the use of two pesticides by Jan. 1, 1977.

A spokesman said the pesticides—heptachlor and chlordane—are to be restricted for "environmental" reasons.

Heptachlor will no longer be registered by the department for use as a soil feed-treatment effective Jan. 1, 1976.

The two pesticides are used widely on lawns and gardens, turf and for household pest control and heptachlor-chlordane compounds can be found in many products.

WOMEN CHARGED IN KILLING

KELOWNA (CP) — RCMP said five women have been arrested and are being held in the stabbing death here of a middle-aged man early today.

Four women were arrested at a motor hotel in Salmon Arm, about 75 miles north, after RCMP had said suspects were believed heading north in a taxi.

Roadblocks had been set up north and south of Kelowna after the man, believed to be from Alberta, was killed. Police have not released the victim's name.

Police said the five women were in a pickup truck with the man when the stabbing occurred about 3:30 a.m. on Highway 33 just east of here. They said the man was stabbed twice with a six-inch paring knife.

No charges had been released, and the women, a juvenile, three teenagers and a 20-year-old, were not named.

The fifth woman was arrested shortly after the stabbing. The amount stolen was not known.

\$100 Million 'Run-Around'

NEWS BRIEFS

Recount Date Set

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — A judicial recount in former Premier Dave Barrett's Coquitlam riding will begin next Monday. The final count of the Dec. 11 B.C. election results showed Barrett 19 votes behind Social Credit candidate George Kerster, who topped the poll with 18,660 votes.

Seymour, chief of the Chemo-mains band, said confrontation is looming.

Scored officials, including Dan Campbell and party president Peter Hyndman, "definitely agreed in principle" to the proposal before the election.

Members of the native Indian movement, said Seymour, were included on Scored radio ads during the campaign.

"But now that we have to actually get down to business, when there's some urgency—we're getting horsed around by Gracey (Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy) and the others,"

Seymour plans to lead a group of native Indian representatives to the legislature to meet Scored ministers. Although there was no meeting set up, "they'll know when we're coming," he said.

The proposal would see native Indians setting up a public company called the Confederated Native Authority to initiate economic development.

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Fatality Drop

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. traffic death toll for 1975 will drop by about 1,000 in spite of increased travel, marking the second straight yearly decline in fatalities and the lowest death toll in 14 years, according to a spot survey of all 50 states. Authorities suspect the drop is partially because of stricter enforcement of the 55-mile per hour speed limit.

Border Opened

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Thailand will open its border to landlocked Laos permanently on New Year's day, Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj said today. Thailand closed the border after Pathet Lao forces attacked a Thai patrol boat on Nov. 17.

Barge Hijacked

MANILA (UPI) — The Philippine government has launched military operations to free eight Filipino seamen whose barge was hijacked by Moslem terrorists in the south, a military spokesman said today. The hijackers are demanding \$285,000 ransom.

Fleece of the Year

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. William Proxmire, (D., Wis.), said today the U.S. Air Force is running a \$66 million fleet of 23 jets to transport government officials at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$6 million a year. Proxmire said the Air Force's "private airline for government big shots" gets his "Fleece of the Year" award.

Aussie Floods Worsen

BRISBANE (Reuter) — Floodwaters and fresh rains battered two Australian states Monday, leaving hundreds stranded and entire townships cut off in a virtual inland sea.

Police said the worst flooding was caused by torrential rain in Queensland where air force planes dropped supplies to farmers and motorists trapped by water inundating hundreds of square miles.

Three men disappeared while swimming off the Queensland coast and the body of a young woman was washed ashore in Melbourne, where thunderstorms and hail caused widespread damage.

At the height of the storm in Melbourne, traffic was brought to a halt by nearly a foot of water.

In Queensland, police failed in a bid to rescue 22 children marooned for 10 days in a mountain gorge. But the children and five adults on a camping holiday were reported in no immediate danger, with enough food for another two weeks.

Senseless Defensive Medicine

By DR. WILLIAM J. WELCH
Perhaps you have heard about "defensive" medicine, which is the term used to describe excessive tests and expensive studies that are being

ordered by doctors these days in order to avoid being wrong by hindsight. I thought you might be interested in an example of one of the many ways such senseless and costly defensive medicine comes about.

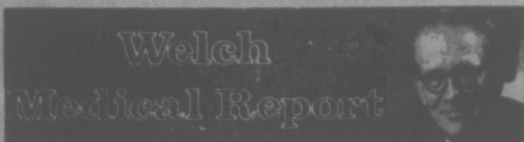
A few months ago a vigorous, unretired, hard-working, six-foot, 80-year-old man barreled into a consultant's office. At his elbow, his wife was twittering her concern as he coughed and wheezed and begged that something be done to stop "this dman cough."

He had recovered from a heart attack six years before. Although he had taken digitalis regularly since then, his doctor had stopped the medication a few weeks before his visit to the consulting doctor's office because his already abnormal electrocardiogram suggested that his system was overloaded with the drug.

His cough and discomfort turned out to be the result of a acute bronchitis, which cleared with antibiotics.

He continued to do well without starting again on digitalis. His electrocardiogram, although abnormal, remained stable and unchanged.

As is so often the case at



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Medical Report

his age, the man's prostate was enlarged and caused difficulty with urination. He was impatient with doctors and preferred to ignore his symptoms, until one Sunday night when he called and ruefully acknowledged that he was unable to pass his urine. His bladder was emptied that night and x-rays revealed an enlarged prostate, which would require surgery.

Twenty-four hours before he was to be operated on, his preoperative electrocardiogram found its way into his hospital record. It was quite rightly described as abnormal and, with appropriate caution on the part of the electrocardiographer, serial records (repeated electrocardiograms each day for several days) were requested.

The electrocardiogram was entirely as it had been six weeks before. The patient had no signs or symptoms of dif-

ficulty with his heart. Delaying surgery and making daily electrocardiograms would add materially to the cost of hospitalization, quite apart from the additional cost of added days in the hospital.

He really does not need to add \$500 to \$600 to his bill, agreed the surgeon and his physician in their first consultation.

But the authoritative concern of a qualified electrocardiographer was on the record. If they chose to ignore the cautionary request for several days of observation and something were to go wrong, as it always can, no matter what they said in justification, the doctors on the case would be regarded as remiss and subject to criticism or worse: a lawsuit.

As one of them put it, he could fairly hear the ominous tone of the prosecuting attorney: "Now, doctor, is it or is

it not a fact that a qualified cardiologist requested further study of this patient? Do you customarily ignore the advice of qualified consultants, doctor?"

The unfortunate, not to say costly, intrusion of such apprehensions is at the heart of what has come to be called defensive medicine, which, in a word, means leaning over backwards in order not to fall on your face, more specifically, into a malpractice suit.

In this case, even though it was only to satisfy the demands of a record — electrocardiograms were done each day for three days, blood studies were also done daily, and the record was thoroughly documented.

Everybody was "covered." And the whole of it represented a needless expenditure of time and money.

Such costly denials of common sense multiplied by thousands of cases each day are the inevitable fruits of defensive medicine.

All of us confess that we are chagrined at falling into such a senseless trap, but today the appearance of being wrong "on the record" is as dangerous as wrong-doing itself.



Overmatched

He may not have a match, but Ken Dunn, 18, of Sarnia has 1,794 matchbook covers. He started collecting them nine years ago and now has examples from all over the world. He says he has never paid a cent for any of them.

Telling Taste Test

FAIR LAWN, N. J. (UPI) — From the outside it looks just like any other low, sprawling industrial complex, but once inside a strange, undefinable odor greets a visitor like a slap in the face. It's business as usual at Crompton and Knowles.

On any given day the essence of garlic, lemon-lime, bacon, chocolate, cheddar cheese or any number of the 1450 artificial flavors in the company's repertory may drift from the labs in the back through the halls and finally collide in the lobby of the company's flavors and fragrance division here.

On a recent morning a bakery-fresh vanilla-like fragrance may have been among that odorous mishmash because that day the company's voluntary in-house taste panel gathered to judge the flavor of a white cake mix.

Don DeStefano came from purchasing, Anita Hecht and Bill Dougherty came from accounting, Tom Zambelli put down his mechanic's tools and Carole Sagaminac put aside her duties as an executive secretary to join others at the special tasting laboratory. Their chore was to determine whether the chemists and flavor makers were on target or had missed the mark on the cake mix flavor.

Even though chemists can pull apart almost any natural or artificial flavor and re-create it in a test tube, it seems that there are no scientific instruments that can measure success or failure for the flavorists. In the end it's up to the taste buds.

And not just anybody's taste buds. The tasters are carefully selected.

"We want a cross-section of the consuming public," Herbert Stein, director of flavor creation, explained before the 24 tasters began tasting the cake. "So we don't rule out smokers or drinkers. But we want people with average tastes in food who also happen to be sensitive to the subtle differences in food flavors."

But even if a taster's buds cut the mustard that's not all there is to it. They are put through what could be called a flavor sensitivity training session for the three types of taste tests: one to determine levels of difference and one for judging such attributes as texture and consistency.

Crompton and Knowles does not manufacture the food itself; it makes only the flavors for a variety of canned, frozen, reconstituted and dehydrated beverages, sweets, snacks and other packaged foods, but the tasters test the flavors in the foods they are created for. So a staff of cooks and a dietician turn out the food and beverages to be tasted from a well-accounted test kitchen.

It was not to be a morning of casual eating and comparing. The taste panel's procedures and working conditions are as controlled as those for the laboratory flavorists.

The tasting lab, for example, which is a small room furnished with six frosted-window cubicles, was designed so that any potentially influential variables such as light, odor or temperature could be controlled.

For the cake test the lab was odor-free and illuminated with the red spotlights (the red lights blot out small color difference in the cake samples). The tasters' tools were ready: three paper plates — each with a smidgeon of white cake — a ballot, a pencil and two small cups (one for rinsing and one for spitting).

The job of tasting, it turns out, is not for the gluttonous. As tasty as the white cake may have been, it was no substitute for missed breakfasts. Eating is not part of the test; no swallowing, please.

"Swallowing decreases their sensitivity for the next sample," Stein offered.

For all of the pretest preparation, the entire process for each taster takes only a few minutes. (Taste, spit, rinse, vote and they're out.) But those few minutes of work may determine the taste of next year's bacon-flavored snack or cherry liqueur.

Vote 'Bought'



dear abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband is mean. He bought me a new Chevrolet, then, wouldn't give me the keys until I signed a pledge to support George Wallace in '76. He and I never agree on anything, including politics.

Abby, I don't think this pledge should be binding since he forced me to sign it. My preacher says it is not binding as it was signed under duress. I'm afraid to tell my husband what the preacher said since he doesn't think too much of the preacher and might make me sign another pledge to quit attending "that damn fool Baptist Church."

I value your opinion. Should I support Mr. Wallace? I don't like him, but then I don't like anyone else either, including my husband. — C. M. IN TUSTIN, CALIF.

DEAR C.M.: The secret

ballot is an inalienable right in the U.S.A. You can't sign it away, and your husband can't force you to.

The "pledge" he demands is both absurd and unenforceable. Vote for the candidate of your choice.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter about Pisher the Poodle: Of course, I believe dogs understand what is being said to them.

Even though we provided a slitter for Ferdinand, our English bulldog, during our ab-

sence, he was very much annoyed with up upon our return.

He ignored our warm and friendly greetings, and wouldn't even come near us for days.

Then, my husband finally cornered him and explained in detail that we had to leave him and go to England because we weren't able to find a collar large enough for his head.

It took Ferdinand a long time to buy that story, but

eventually he was wagging his tail and happily rejoined the family — VERA IN NEWPORT.

DEAR VERA: Next time, explain to your English bulldog where you are going and why, and you won't get the cold shoulder on your return.

DEAR ABBY: I am a healthy, active 76-year-old woman, and nobody takes me for a day older than 60. I lost my husband four years ago and have dated many interesting, eligible men since, but I never considered remarrying—until I met Julius.

He is a handsome, 68-year-old southern gentleman-type who was much too proper to go beyond a kiss before marriage.

To cut a long story short, Julius and I were married two months ago, and much to my surprise, I discovered that he didn't know the first thing about satisfying a woman. He had been married twice, so I couldn't understand it.

It doesn't seem possible for a man who kisses promised so much to be so totally inept when it comes to lovemaking. (He's unbelievably selfish.)

Perhaps the bedroom performance shouldn't be so important to a woman my age, but it is.

I pretend that he is a good lover, but he's miserable. How can I let Julius know that he's not satisfying me without hurting his ego? — FRUSTRATED.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: An improved marital relationship is more important than Julius' ego. You do him no favor by pretending satisfaction. If he's able to satisfy himself, he's able to satisfy you. Some honest dialogue can make him more sensitive to your needs. You can be effective without being cruel. Start talking.

Healthy Beef For Hearts

WOOSTER, Ohio (UPI) — Scientists at Ohio State University think better fed cattle may help prevent heart disease in humans.

Researchers have been working for two years to develop meat and milk for use by persons who must watch their cholesterol intake. The experiments have resulted in a special cattle feed supplement that produces low cholesterol beef and milk.

In carefully controlled studies, the new food products have been introduced into the diets of coronary patients and persons with normal hearts.

Prejudice Fighter

EDMONTON (CP) — Artist Marie Perron fights prejudice affecting women in society. A federal field officer at the International Women's Year Secretariat, Mrs. Perron said she met much opposition when she decided to go to university and make her living by painting.

Nazism Led To Discoveries

OTTAWA (CP) — Nazism a lack of money and an interest in science helped lead a young German girl to discover nearly 40 years ago that chemicals can change genes, the parts of cells that control heredity.

Without Dr. Charlotte Auerbach's work scientists might not have discovered such things as the links between cigarette smoking and cancer and between thalidomide and birth defects.

Recognition of the importance of her work has only come recently and she is a little flustered by all the attention.

"What's so interesting about me?" the short, plump geneticist asked newspaper reporters surrounding her at an international genetic conference in Ottawa.

Several geneticists at the meeting said privately that Dr. Auerbach's work should have brought her a Nobel Prize. There was a movement among some at the conference to call the measure of genetic damage caused by chemicals an "Auerbach", but no action was taken.

Dr. Auerbach fled from Germany to England in 1933. She left behind a doctoral thesis she had begun in developmental physiology.

FRAGRANT SOUVENIR

TORONTO (CP) — A concentrated cologne made in Russia and bottled in the United States to commemorate the Russian-U.S. space flight now is available in Canada. Experimental Project Apollo Soyuz (EPAS) cologne was bottled and packaged in two languages and it is the first time a Russian cologne has been sold in Canadian stores.

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